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'It's not a happy time,' watchdog group says

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A "middle way" is doable that can avert the worst impacts of the September shutdown of Three Mile Island that Exelon says is inevitable, says Eric Epstein, chairman of the watchdog group TMI Alert.

In November, TMI Alert submitted a plan that Epstein describes as a "community option" regarding the future shutdown of TMI, where the plant is cleaned up immediately, the tax base and plant staffing levels are preserved, and local municipalities and counties continue to receive reimbursement for emergency planning and radiation monitoring.

Epstein says TMI Alert sent its plan to Exelon, but Exelon never responded.

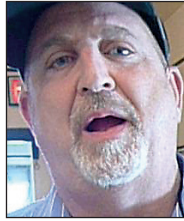
But the plan submitted by TMI Alert can still be put in place, Epstein said.

"We have negotiated five different settlements with the owners of TMI. It's doable. We've been around for 42 years. We are going to be around for another 42 years. Now is when the heavy lifting begins," he said.

Exelon is blaming state legislators for failing to act in time to meet Exelon's June 1 deadline for ordering fuel to keep TMI going beyond September.

However, Epstein says that Exelon "miscalculated" in creating "an artificial deadline to pressure the Legislature."

Moreover, the company was naive in thinking it could get the Legislature to act in time to save TMI, under Exelon's timetable.



Epstein



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Steam rises from the cooling towers at the nuclear generation plant on Three Mile Island in this undated file photo.

With legislative solution unlikely, Exelon confirms shutdown in September

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Three Mile Island will shut down by Sept. 30, absent what appears to be increasingly dimming hopes that the state Legislature will act in time on proposed changes that would provide economic support to the nuclear industry in Pennsylvania, Exelon Generation announced May 8.

With only three legislative session days left in May and no action taken to advance House Bill 11 or Senate Bill 510, Exelon said it is "clear" that a state policy solution will not be enacted before June 1, which Exelon said is the "deadline" for the company to purchase fuel to keep TMI going beyond Sept. 30.

"Although we see strong support in Harrisburg and throughout Pennsylvania to reduce carbon emissions and maintain the environmental and economic benefits provided by nuclear energy, we

don't see a path forward for policy changes before the June 1 fuel purchasing deadline for TMI," said Kathleen Barron, Exelon senior vice president for government and regulatory affairs and public



STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

Dave Marcheskie, senior site communications manager for Three Mile Island, discusses the closure of the nuclear power plant outside the training center on May 8.

policy. Illinois-based Exelon owns the active nuclear facility on Three Mile Island.

Asked if June 1 is not a self-imposed deadline that Exelon can extend if it wants, TMI spokesman Dave Marcheskie said that the manufacturing and delivery

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Rep. Mehaffie calls move a 'punch in the stomach'

State Rep. Tom Mehaffie, R-Lower Swatara Township, issued the following statement about Exelon's announcement Wednesday, May 8, that the Three Mile Island nuclear plant will close in September.

"Today I received the worst news I've received since taking office as the state representative for the 106th District in January 2017. It is news I hoped we could prevent, but in reality, it was the possibility of it happening that has driven me so hard over the last few years.

"As they have been all along, my thoughts are with the men and women who work at Three Mile Island and their families who received this devastating news today. Many of these people are not only my constituents; they are my friends, and my heart hurts for what they are going through.

"Furthermore, my thoughts are with the communities surrounding Three Mile Island. I'm saddened to think of the challenges that are ahead for Londonderry Township, Middletown, the Lower Dauphin School District and the entire region.

"It is also a punch in the stomach for the men and women of the building trades who will never

again work to refuel Three Mile Island. As a union electrician, my dad helped build Three Mile Island, and it pains me that the product of his work will now sit idle.

"Perhaps most frustrating are my feelings about the inaction of the body I serve in, the state Legislature. I didn't run for this office so I could name bridges and attend ribbon-cuttings; I ran to make a real impact on the lives of my constituents. I did believe, and still do, that House Bill 11 has the ability to do that. Unfortunately, some of my colleagues in the Legislature ran out the clock, and the loss of 675 family-sustaining jobs in Dauphin County is on them.

"I hope the conversation continues in the Legislature about the future of Pennsylvania's nuclear industry. We still have eight reactors in this state supplying a large piece of our state's electricity production. Time may have run out for Three Mile Island, but the fight is not over for the rest of our nuclear fleet."



Mehaffie

New children's librarian a familiar face

Black held position about 14 years ago, says she is excited to return

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One day, Andrea Black was driving from her parents' home in Elizabethtown to her home in Harrisburg when she and her boyfriend decided to cut through

Middletown.

She turned to him and told him that she used to work at Middletown Public Library as the children's librarian about 14 years ago.

"It was a cute place. It was one of my favorite libraries in the area — I've worked for several,"

she recalled telling him.

Two days later, the children's librarian position was posted, and Black decided to apply.

She was picked for the position and started last week. She has

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Meet Andrea Black, the Middletown Public Library's new children's librarian. The Elizabethtown native held that position about 14 years ago.

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TMI RUNS OUT OF STEAM

Londonderry started budget work in 2017 to limit impact

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Londonderry Township has been financially preparing for the closure of Three Mile Island since Exelon Generation announced it would prematurely retire TMI in September 2019 unless the state enacted reforms.

That was in 2017.

The night after the announcement, Londonderry Township Manager Steve Letavic pulled out the budget to see how the township could move forward if TMI closed without raising taxes.

In 2018, Londonderry received \$110,607 in revenue from Three Mile Island, a combination of real estate and earned income taxes, money raised from TMI's annual golf outing at Sunset Golf Course and money donated to the Lebanon VA Medical Center during the township's annual Stars & Stripes Salute. The township's budget for 2019 called for about \$2.2 million in expenditures.

The township went down two paths — it worked with Clean Jobs for Pennsylvania to preserve



Letavic

the nuclear industry, but it also planned financially for the plant's closure, Letavic said.

The parks program was reduced. Full-time staff members picked up other duties. When full-time positions opened due to attrition, the township didn't fill them and chose to instead use part-time employees, Letavic said.

They planned to be able to meet operational demands while keeping costs down; being proactive instead of reactive, Letavic said.

"It's not the ideal situation in those terms, but again, for us, the last resort is always a tax increase," Letavic said. "We also don't believe in being reactionary. We want to plan ahead."

On Wednesday, Exelon announced that TMI will shut down by Sept. 30, absent action in the state Legislature.

"We're saddened by the loss of the jobs, we're saddened by the impact on the families, the friends that we've developed out there," Letavic said. The workers, he added, are part of the community.

Right now, Letavic is not anticipating a rise in taxes next year, although he added that the township couldn't control unfunded mandates from the federal or state government.

In a March letter to the editor, Lower Dauphin School District



TMI Vice President Ed Callan presents Londonderry Township Fire Department a check for \$40,000 on Aug. 4, 2017, during a golf outing at Sunset Golf Course.

Superintendent Robert Schultz said without the tax revenue from TMI, the district "will have no choice but to raise taxes for the first time in a decade and cut programs and future investments in facilities."

"We're trying to avoid the situation where every taxing authority has tax increases in the same year. We're focusing on expense management and controlled growth in the township," Letavic said.

To Letavic, one of the next steps is adjusting the township's internal operations and annual

expenditures to absorb the revenue loss, meaning open full-time positions won't be filled and the parks program won't be restored until revenues improve.

In 2008, an agreement was signed by then-owner AmerGen Energy Co., Dauphin County, Londonderry, Lower Dauphin School District and the Dauphin County Board of Assessment Appeals after a dispute over the value of the TMI property and what parts may be considered non-assessable property.

Under the agreement, which

expired in 2017 and was renewed for another two years, \$930,000 in real estate taxes and payments in addition to taxes would be paid to the county, school district and township. The \$930,000 would be divided as \$637,701 to Lower Dauphin, \$254,634 to the county and \$37,665 to Londonderry, and it wouldn't change regardless of property assessment or millage changes, according to the agreement.

Revenue from TMI, however, can fluctuate, particularly the earned income tax which depends on the number of employees and payroll, Letavic said.

TMI currently has 675 full-time employees and an annual payroll of \$60 million, although the decommissioning plan submitted by Exelon to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that the number of full-time employees will go down to 50 by the end of 2022.

According to Letavic's figures, the amount of earned income tax that the township has received from Exelon has decreased by \$6,221.49 over the past three years. In 2016, the township received \$25,163.44 in earned income tax from Exelon. That figure decreased to \$23,771.46 in 2017, and fell even further to \$18,941.95 in 2018.

With the agreement set to expire and the number of employees at TMI to decrease, Letavic is anticipating revenue from TMI may stop coming into Londonderry by 2020.

Every summer, TMI hosts a golf tournament at Sunset Golf Course. Proceeds average \$50,000 and go toward the Londonderry Volunteer Fire Company, which is used for the debt service for the Londonderry fire hall expansion. Letavic estimates that more than \$600,000 has been raised for the department over the past 12 years.

The golf outing is on for this summer. Letavic said there is no commitment past this year.

Letavic is anticipating that debt service for the fire hall expansion may have to come out of the township's general fund budget.

TMI also donates \$4,000 to the Lebanon VA Medical Center, and last year, \$10,331 from the Stars & Stripes Salute was donated to the hospital.

Letavic plans to head back to Harrisburg to work with legislators to draw economic vitality to the region to replace the jobs and revenue lost by TMI and continue the conversation regarding nuclear power.

"We don't want this to be the end of the conversation. We want this to be the continuation of the conversation," Letavic said.

Chamber chief: Middletown in position to absorb loss

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If Three Mile Island closes, Middletown is in the best place it can be in Pennsylvania in terms of absorbing the impact, Harrisburg Regional Chamber President David Black told the Middletown Business Association on Thursday.

The greater Harrisburg area is seeing projected population growth from 3.5 to 3.8 percent compared to 1 percent for the state, Black said, citing a report by the Pennsylvania State Data Center based at Penn State Harrisburg.

Dauphin County is wedged between the two fastest-growing counties in Pennsylvania from 2010 to 2018 — Cumberland, growing by 6.8 percent, and Lebanon by 5.8 percent. Dauphin County saw 2.6 to 5 percent during the period, according to the PSDC.

"Middletown is here and there is growth all around us," Black said. "You're right in the heart of a thriving economy in Pennsylvania. This is as good as it gets."

Black said the borough has made "great progress" in recent years, noting the downtown improvement project and Tattered Flag, which he called "one of my new favorite places."

He sees Middletown as well-positioned to take advantage of young professionals who want to live in "walkable communities," especially given growing Penn State Harrisburg. Harrisburg is "filling up with young people" moving into downtown office space being converted into apartments, Black said.

He pointed to the successful transition the Middletown area made when Olmsted Air Force Base closed in the late 1960s. The base is now home to Penn State Harrisburg and Harrisburg International Airport, both key drivers of the area economy.

"Where there are challenges there are also opportunities. That's when a community comes together," Black said. "They took lemons and made lemonade, and it turned out really well."

The Middletown area impact of TMI closing will be mostly felt by businesses, compared to Londonderry Township and Lower Dauphin School District, which depend on tax revenue from TMI to balance the budget and provide services.

Middletown borough receives no "revenue stream" that will go away due to TMI closing, Finance Director Kevin Zartman told the Press & Journal in an email.

Middletown Area School District ex-

pects to see some reduction in earned income tax revenue from TMI workers living in the district losing their jobs, district Chief Financial Officer David Franklin told the Press & Journal. The district has not yet been able to quantify the potential impact, Franklin said.

Otherwise, Franklin said he is not aware of any ongoing financial contributions that TMI makes to the school district or its programs. Seventy-eight of TMI's 675 full-time employees live within the 17057 area code, according to figures provided by Exelon.

That could impact earned income tax revenue received by the district, Middletown and Royalton and Lower Swatara Township, depending on where these employees live, how many leave for jobs elsewhere, and how soon.

Speaking by phone after the meeting, Black said Middletown businesses worried about TMI closing should first determine how much of their business is tied to TMI — and then come up with a plan to regain "what I may lose, and continue to grow," Black said.

Black was invited to speak to the association's May meeting at Tattered Flag Brewery and Still Works before Exelon announced May 8 that closing TMI this Sept. 30 is now certain, given state legislators failing to act on a proposed nuclear subsidy in time to meet Exelon's June 1 deadline to refuel the Unit 1 reactor.

About 25 people attended, including association members and guests. The association signed up three new members at the meeting, said Scott Sites, who is on the interim board of directors.

While the Olmsted transition is often cited as an example of the area's resiliency, Black during the phone interview acknowledged that unlike Olmsted, TMI can't be converted to another use in the foreseeable future. The cooling towers won't come down until 2074, under the decommissioning plan Exelon submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Even were re-use possible, the island is nowhere near as large as Olmsted was, further diminishing its potential for future economic activity, Black said.

But as with Olmsted, the impact of TMI closing will be phased in over several years, giving the community time to adapt, Black said.

Olmsted had up to 8,000 civilian employees being transferred to other bases from late 1964, when the Pentagon announced it was closing Olmsted, to June 30, 1969 when the base was shuttered.



David Black, president and CEO of the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and Capital Region Economic Development Corp., talks to members and guests of the Middletown Business Association during the association's meeting in Middletown on Thursday.

That's nearly 12 times the 675 full-time employees at TMI, although that number grows by about 1,500 for a month during the refuelings every other year.

The number of full-time employees at TMI will drop to 300 shortly after Sept. 30, according to the decommissioning report. Full-time staff is down to 200 by 2021, and to about 50 by the end of 2022.

But that's a lot better than the days of the steel mills closing in the 1980s — one day everyone at work, the next day everyone gone, Black said.

The immediate impact for local governments could be a reduction in earned income tax revenue as the number of full-time workers at TMI goes down, he said.

But also in contrast to the steel mills, the TMI workers are not concentrated in one town, or even in one county.

According to figures Exelon provided in June 2017, 202 of the 675 workers live in Lancaster County and 193 in Dauphin — including the 78 within 17057. Another 76 live in York County, 50 in Cumberland, and 43 in Lebanon. The rest are scattered in Perry, Franklin and other counties.

"That is going to dissipate the impact of the earned income tax (reduction) on any one municipality and school district," Black said.

The property tax impact, while ulti-

mately more significant than the earned income tax impact for Londonderry, Lower Dauphin, and Dauphin County, doesn't happen overnight but is subject to assessment changes that must be approved by the county, Black noted.

"Just because a business closes doesn't mean the property taxes aren't due. Somebody still owes those real estate taxes."

Officially, the chamber doesn't have a position on the nuclear subsidy legislation, which would make nuclear plants eligible for credits by adding nuclear to 16 forms of renewable energy, including wind and solar, that utilities must purchase electricity from in Pennsylvania.

But the chamber was "not supportive" of the proposal, Black said, noting Exelon told the chamber that even if the legislation passes, it would only keep TMI open another five or six years.

"TMI was a tool to subsidize the entire nuclear industry in Pennsylvania" at an added annual cost to ratepayers of \$500 million, Black said.

Proponents say without the subsidy, the cost to Pennsylvania will be \$4.6 billion a year if all nuclear plants close, including \$788 million in higher electricity costs and \$2 million in lost gross domestic product.

Clean Jobs for Pennsylvania faults Wolf, Legislature for lack of action

Press & Journal Staff

Leaders of the Clean Jobs for Pennsylvania coalition on Wednesday said they were disappointed that Gov. Tom Wolf and the General Assembly failed to take action to enact energy policy reforms to prevent the premature retirement of Three Mile Island in September.

CJFP was formed two years ago, shortly after Exelon Generation announced that TMI would close this year if policy reforms were not enacted in Harrisburg.

"Ultimately we weren't able to get that done, despite the best efforts of Rep. Tom Mehaffie who worked tirelessly to advance his legislation," said Dauphin County Commissioner and CJFP co-chairman Mike Pries. "We also appreciate the efforts of Sen. Ryan Aument for introducing a similar bill in the Senate."

The immediate thoughts of the organization's members are with the men and women of TMI and their families, he said.

"We have come to know and respect the tremendous professionalism and dedication they bring to their jobs each and every day. We thank them not only for the work they do to produce reliable, affordable, clean energy around the clock, but also for their support of local charities and organizations, and all they give back to the communities they serve in so many ways," he said.

Londonderry Township Supervisor and CJFP member Anna Dale said the group is concerned for the communities and local governments that will be affected, including Middletown, Londonderry Township and the Lower Dauphin School District, as well as first responders.

"We know all too well what this will mean for our budgets, and for the small business owners whose livelihood depends on the buying power of TMI and its employees," she said.

Central Pa. Building & Construction Trades Council President and CJFP co-chairman Joe Gusler said the loss of TMI is devastating to central Pennsylvania.

"It also is a stinging blow to thousands of construction workers who rely on the jobs created and the millions of man-hours for skilled labor when TMI goes into a refueling and maintenance outage, such as the one that would have been held this fall. Those jobs are now gone forever," he said.

York County Commissioner and CJFP co-chairman Chris Reilly said the organization "remains committed to supporting efforts to enact policy changes that recognize and compensate the environmental attributes of nuclear energy, so that no other Pennsylvania community has to endure what we are about to deal with here in central Pennsylvania. It may be too late for TMI — but we need to do all we can to preserve the rest of our state's nuclear fleet."

Plan to make grants available after power plant closings may move ahead

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State legislation making grants available to communities hit by a power plant closing could be put on the fast track, following Exelon's announcement that Three Mile Island will be shut down.

Exelon's announcement puts the brakes on legislation proposed in the state House and Senate to provide a subsidy for the nuclear industry in Pennsylvania, said Chuck Erdman, chief of staff for Sen. John DiSanto, sponsor of the proposed

legislation. His district includes much of Lower Dauphin School District — among those hardest hit by TMI closing.

With lawmakers not meeting Exelon's deadline for legislation, the impetus to quickly pass a nuclear subsidy bill is gone, Erdman said. He now sees a "broader conversation about energy policy" taking place in the Legislature.

DiSanto's bill has not been introduced but had been distributed among all state senators to attract co-sponsors.

Erdman hopes that the bill can get out of committee and be voted on by the full

Senate before the end of June, by which time legislators will break for the summer after taking care of the state budget.

If not, the bill would be ready for the Senate to take up when it returns in the fall, Erdman said.

Under DiSanto's proposal, the Department of Community and Economic Development would make state grants available to local governments that experience a reduction of at least 20 percent in property tax collections and payments in lieu of taxes received by a power plant.

Eligible local governments could apply

for temporary relief for up to four years. Initial awards may be up to 80 percent of the demonstrated tax loss in the first year, up to 60 percent in year two, 40 percent in year three, and 20 percent in year four.

The relief would give municipalities and school districts time to replace tax shortfalls and to transition while lessening the immediate impact on schools and essential public services.

"In the case of TMI, we would be looking at less than \$2 million in the first year. In the grand scheme of things, that is relatively modest," Erdman said.

TMI RUNS OUT OF STEAM

WATCHDOG: Bailout opposed

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“They dropped the legislation in March,” Epstein said. “Anyone who drops legislation in March and expects it to be passed by May should book a ticket on Fantasy Airlines. It just doesn’t work that way.”

Epstein said he believes that the legislation that was introduced to provide economic support to TMI and the four other nuclear plants in Pennsylvania is now “dead.”

“When you pull out TMI, you lose the support of a lot of south central Pennsylvania Republicans,” he said. “Some of the folks here would have supported a bailout for local economic reasons. Some of these same people are not anxious to bail out Philadelphia or Pittsburgh.”

Even without TMI, Pennsylvania still has the largest concentration of nuclear power in the country, second only to Illinois — but Illinois does not have the natural gas that Pennsylvania has, Epstein says.

“It’s a good thing,” he adds. “We have diversity. We are at a good place. TMI is not the economic engine it used to be.”

“This is a resilient community. We have endured job losses at the steel mill and Hershey and AMP. Nobody bailed them out. It’s not a happy time. Nobody is spiking the ball in the end zone. We have to rally around the workers.”

Transition plan

Under TMI Alert’s proposed “transition plan” for Three Mile Island, about which Epstein testified before the state House Environmental Committee on April 29, 65 percent of salaries of all TMI Unit 1 employees would be put into a fund for two years to assist with the transitioning of those employees.

The transition plan would cover a time period for as long as spent fuel is on site at Three Mile Island.

Charitable contributions and tax revenue paid by Exelon would remain constant and be extended based upon a settlement reached between Dauphin County and the owners of TMI in 2008.

That agreement was to expire in 2017. Exelon in December 2017 agreed to extend the agreement for two years, but did not want to extend it further given Exelon’s announced intention to shut down TMI by Sept. 30.

Exelon would continue making annual payments to the state and to each county within 10 miles of TMI to defray costs of providing emergency radiological planning, at an agreed-upon reduced level until all spent nuclear fuel has been removed from the site, according to the TMI Alert proposal.

Anti-bailout group reacts

The blame for Three Mile Island closing this September belongs with the plant’s owner, Exelon, not with Pennsylvania legislators failing to enact a bailout in time to meet Exelon’s deadline, the group Citizens Against Nuclear Bailouts said in a statement issued May 8.

“Exelon Generation has made a business decision to begin the process of ending nuclear generation operations at Three Mile Island rather than invest the corporation’s billions of dollars in profits

“Anyone who drops legislation in March and expects it to be passed by May should book a ticket on Fantasy Airlines. It just doesn’t work that way.”

TMI Alert’s Eric Epstein

to support the plant, community and its employees,” said CANB, which describes itself as a “diverse coalition of Pennsylvania citizens’ groups, power generators, and energy, business and manufacturing associations.”

“This decision was made in their boardroom, where it belongs,” CANB said. “Exelon should never have held their employees and the community hostage as it demanded a bailout from Pennsylvania ratepayers and lawmakers.”

Exelon in its statement issued May 8 announcing the closure of TMI said that Exelon will keep working with the state Legislature to enact reforms the company says are needed to preserve the four other nuclear plants in Pennsylvania.

Legislation was introduced in the state House, by Rep. Tom Meahaffie, R-Lower Swatara Township, and in the Senate that would require electric utilities to purchase credits to provide economic support for TMI and other nuclear plants in Pennsylvania.

The legislation would add nuclear to the list of 16 sources of renewable energy in the state, including wind and solar, from which electric utilities in Pennsylvania are already required to purchase electricity.

Supporters say that nuclear should be added to the list, to compensate nuclear for generating 93 percent of all carbon-free energy that is produced in Pennsylvania.

Several public hearings were held on Meahaffie’s legislation in the House Consumer Affairs Committee — the last being on May 6. However, the committee never scheduled a vote on the proposal.

Likewise, a committee vote was never scheduled on the Senate legislation introduced by Sen. Ryan Aument, R-Lancaster.

In its statement, CANB said that the group will continue to oppose “an unwarranted nearly half-billion dollar ratepayer-funded corporate handout from lawmakers in the Capitol.”

“Lawmakers should continue to reject this attempt at a corporate cash grab being led by three out-of-state corporations projected to make more than \$1 billion in profits in Pennsylvania in 2018 and 2019,” CANB said, referring to Exelon, FirstEnergy Solutions and Talen Energy.

FirstEnergy has said it will shut down its Beaver Valley nuclear power plant in western Pennsylvania in 2021, unless the state enacts the reforms sought by Exelon.

Experts still consider the Beaver Valley plant to be profitable.

Of the five nuclear plants in Pennsylvania, TMI is the only one not making a profit — supporting arguments from CANB and other opponents that the legislative relief is an unnecessary bailout that will lead to higher electricity costs for consumers and businesses.

TMI: Lack of legislation leads Exelon to confirm closure of plant

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of the fuel is specific to the Unit 1 reactor core, and it must be ordered by June 1 in order for the plant to continue operating beyond Sept. 30.

“We were very transparent with the Legislature” as to the need to act by June 1, Marcheskie said.

With only three days left in the legislative session, “that’s why the decision was made today” to announce that the closing of TMI will take place on Sept. 30, as planned, Marcheskie said May 8. “There isn’t a path at this time to get a bill to the governor’s desk within that time frame. A couple of days is not going to change that.”

Wolf makes statement

Gov. Tom Wolf said Wednesday that he still believes it is essential to continue “this important conversation about preserving and growing Pennsylvania’s carbon-free energy footprint,” and he is hopeful that a consensus can be reached in the coming weeks.

“I was disappointed to learn this morning’s unfortunate news and continue to stand today with the workers at Three Mile Island and the surrounding community,” Wolf said. “I have directed the Department of Labor & Industry to immediately begin plans to engage with these workers about their futures, and a Rapid Response team is in the process of being deployed. They are skilled workers who are in-demand in the economy. While I understand the operator is working to offer internal positions to these workers, we will not spare our resources to provide assistance to those who will be impacted.”

Beyond TMI, Exelon’s Barron said that if TMI closes as planned on Sept. 30, Exelon will continue working with the Legislature to enact reforms Exelon said are needed to preserve the eight other nuclear units that are running throughout Pennsylvania.

Financial impact

TMI has 675 full-time employees and an annual payroll of \$60 million. The plant pays more than \$1 million combined in annual taxes to Lower Dauphin School District, Londonderry Township and Dauphin County.

In Londonderry Township, TMI’s annual golf outing at Sunset Golf Course has raised thousands of dollars for the Londonderry Volunteer Fire Company.

Londonderry Township Manager Steve Letavic called the news “absolutely devastating” for the region and state.

The decision will result in increased carbon emissions as fossil fuel producers supplement the power generated from nuclear producers, Letavic said. TMI and the nuclear industry, he said, is an economic driver in the state in terms of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in gross domestic product, and he believes the “negative economic impact will be severe.”

“For our families and friends that work at Three Mile Island, we stand with you, and we are heartbroken with you; you have been part of the fabric of our community. This is truly a sad day for Londonderry Township and the state of Pennsylvania,” Letavic said.

The plant and its employees have also contributed about \$300,000 a year to charities throughout the region, according to Exelon.

However, TMI has not made a profit in six years, Exelon said in 2018.

Other studies have also noted that TMI is the only nuclear plant in the state currently viewed as unprofitable, a consequence largely due to TMI’s unique situation — in Pennsylvania at least — of having just one working reactor, following the March 1979 accident that permanently shut down Unit 2 in 1979.

Marcheskie acknowledged the challenge



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The building that houses TMI’s nuclear reactor is shown in this 2010 photo.

the proposed legislation has faced, given the arguments from opponents that TMI is the only plant in need of immediate economic assistance.

However, the proposed legislation in the House and Senate to preserve the nuclear industry in Pennsylvania “was not just for distressed plants,” Marcheskie said. “It was to give benefits to the nuclear power industry because it does generate 93 percent of carbon-free electricity in Pennsylvania. While TMI was a big driver because it is physically challenged to try and correct the market flaws and level the playing field, the bills really do help the non-polluters in the energy grid.”

Legislative effort fails

Exelon first announced in May 2017 that it would prematurely retire TMI in September 2019, unless the state enacted reforms Exelon viewed as being needed to put TMI and other nuclear plants in Pennsylvania on a “level playing field” with other forms of renewable energy, such as wind and solar.

In March of this year Rep. Tom Meahaffie, R-Lower Swatara, introduced House Bill 11, which would subsidize TMI and the other nuclear plants in Pennsylvania by adding nuclear to the list of 16 forms of renewable energy from which utilities are required to purchase electricity.

Meahaffie told the Press & Journal on May 8 that there is no committee vote scheduled on his bill.

The subsidy would come in the form of a credit that these utilities would have to purchase. The utilities could pass the cost of purchasing these credits onto customers. Meahaffie has said his bill would on average cost Pennsylvanians \$500 million more a year in electricity costs.

However, Meahaffie says that without his legislation — and without nuclear if all the plants in the state close — the eventual added cost to Pennsylvania residents and businesses will be an estimated \$4.6 billion a year, including \$788 million in higher electricity costs for consumers and \$2 million in lost gross domestic product.

Besides the economics, Meahaffie and other proponents of the legislation, including Exelon, say the credits are a fairness issue; in that nuclear should be rewarded for being the largest source of carbon-free emissions for the production of electricity in Pennsylvania.

Allowing TMI and the other nuclear plants to close will make it more difficult for the

state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, proponents of the legislation say.

However, opponents contend that the legislation is a bailout of a nuclear industry that is already profitable.

The legislation would needlessly increase the cost of electricity for residents and businesses in Pennsylvania, say the opponents.

Besides House Bill 11 legislation similar to Meahaffie’s was introduced in the Senate in early April by Sen. Ryan Aument, R-Lancaster.

Aument’s bill has not been scheduled for a committee vote. In a statement May 8, he said that while TMI may be the only nuclear plant in the state that is not making a profit now, that may not be the case in the long run.

“There are those who believe that the economic and market pressures that ultimately forced TMI to prematurely retire are isolated to that facility,” Aument said. “Make no mistake, these pressures will soon be felt by all of the other nuclear plants across Pennsylvania, and unfortunately Exelon’s announcement only serves to reinforce that conclusion. The very thorough review completed by the Nuclear Energy Caucus has led me to believe that, absent federal or state action, the premature closure of the Commonwealth’s nuclear power plants will trigger severe impacts with regards to diminished grid resiliency, increased monthly electric bills, weakened portfolio diversity, and poorer air quality in this Commonwealth.

I hope that I am wrong with respect to these economic and environmental consequences.”

Brace for impact

“We are very disappointed today to have to make this decision that Pennsylvania and the legislature doesn’t put more value on nuclear power plants,” Marcheskie said, adding that TMI alone generates more electricity than all wind and solar combined in the state. “It’s an emotional day for everybody here. You have people who have worked at this plant for 30, 40 years, raised kids at this plant. People are ingrained in this community — little league coaches, Girl Scout volunteers. We love living here in central Pennsylvania, so for us to have to make the decision here today that this plant will no longer be operational is difficult.”

The decision also means that besides the employees, the communities are going to have to “brace” for the impact of TMI closing, Marcheskie said.

TMI will be down to about 50 full-time employees by the end of 2022, under the decommissioning plan that Exelon recently submitted to the Nuclear Regulator Commission.

However, Marcheskie declined to provide a timetable regarding when Exelon will begin applying to Dauphin County for a reduced assessment of the TMI plant aimed at reducing the amount of property taxes that are paid.

“That’s a discussion for another day. I don’t have that timeline at this time,” he said.

LIBRARIAN: Black wants to draw teens to library

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worked at libraries in three Pennsylvania counties, and she said that she liked how accessible Middletown’s library was to both staff and residents.

“I’m excited to have Andrea on staff because she has some great new ideas for programs for children and teens,” Director John Grayshaw said.

Black grew up in Elizabethtown. After college, she moved to Memphis, where she worked in libraries.

She liked having a job where she didn’t have to sit still, plus she liked working with children.

“I really like the information aspect of libraries,” Black said. She explained that outside of information for homework, the library was a place that the public could access resources such as books, movies or computers.

About 14 years ago, Black was planning on moving back to the area and was applying for jobs in

“I tend to like quirky, funny, weird things.”

Andrea Black, children’s librarian

libraries. She ended up being hired as the children’s librarian.

“It was really fun. I made a lot of changes. Started revamping the Summer Reading Program that summer, and turned it more into what it is now,” she said.

Before, the Summer Reading Program was like school, she said, where participants had to complete projects and assignments. She suggested a similar model that she used in Memphis — rewarding participants for reading.

The library’s Summer Reading Program kicks off this year June 8. The theme is “A Universe of Stories.” Visit the library’s website for a full list of Summer Reading Program activities at middletownpubliclib.org.

Black stayed in the Middletown children’s librarian position for

about a year before leaving to look for a full-time job. Over the past 14 years she worked in other fields, including most recently running the volunteer program for the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg.

According to Grayshaw, as the children’s librarian, she will be in charge of planning and implementing programs for both kids and teens, running the Summer Reading Program and ordering new books and weeding through the library’s children’s and young adult sections.

Besides working on the Summer Reading Program, one of her goals is to draw teens back into the library, and she plans to go through the library’s collection and make some updates, particularly the nonfiction section.

“I tend to like quirky, funny, weird things,” she said.

Don’t expect any drastic changes immediately. All of the regular programs, such as the LEGO Junior Maker Club and the STEM Club, will remain the same.

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ELECTION 2019

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP

Three seats are up for grabs on the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners, and Republican incumbents Mike Davies, Todd Truntz and Jon Wilt are running for re-election, along with Republican Donald Wagner. Three will advance to the November general election.

Danielle Prokopchak is the only Democrat running, meaning she is almost guaranteed a spot on the November ballot.

All responded to these Press & Journal questions, and some provided biographical information as requested.

Mike Davies

I hold a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism from Penn State, have a number of years of experience in the cable television and advertising industry; and have been employed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Communications Office for nearly 30 years. I also have about 16 years of experience in a variety of local government positions.

1. How would you ensure a balance of growth and development in Lower Swatara Township with a rural feel and open spaces?

Answer: I personally highly value the semi-rural nature of our community and have a strong interest in preserving the character of our neighborhoods as best we can. I'm glad to say that Lower Swatara Township has a comprehensive plan in place that was publicly reviewed and improved in the last couple of years by a committee of citizens. This comprehensive plan directly addresses many of the planning and zoning issues at the heart of the growth issue. As most citizens know, farming is no longer as economically viable as it once was. This means more landowners will be exploring non-agricultural uses when

repurposing their properties. We have been striving to accommodate some limited growth by encouraging development projects to focus on areas that either already have some form of business or industrial zoning, or are in areas close to township borders and away from residential areas. We also have put an emphasis on keeping development in corridors with direct access to state roads and major highways, to attempt to direct commercial traffic away from residential streets. It is my desire to see our township maintain compliance with the existing zoning map whenever possible in order to limit any further adverse effects on residential neighborhoods.

2. What is the best way for the township and its residents to handle funding for a stormwater utility and MS4 needs?

Answer: Sadly, our federal government is forcing Pennsylvania communities in the Susquehanna drainage area to achieve higher quality standards for municipal stormwater runoff than other areas of the state. Regardless of the unfair nature of the court-ordered standards, we will eventually be legally forced to comply and to fund a series of improvements to meet these standards. I personally have favored delaying any form of assessment on property owners for impervious surfaces that create runoff, but we cannot hold out forever and fail to upgrade our storm water systems. Presently, we are funding drainage improvements through low interest state PENNVEST loans and grants, but it will not give us the level of water quality improvement we need at a cost we can afford. That is why we will be examining a limited impervious surface fee program in the future, similar to many of our



Davies

surrounding municipalities. We are wrestling with developing the simplest, most fair and most affordable assessment for our property owners that will allow the township to be in compliance. We took the first step this year by hiring an MS4 coordinator to begin dealing with the enormous amount of annual documentation and reporting that must be completed.

3. What is the top thing you would like to see accomplished in Lower Swatara Township by the end of 2020?

Answer: I look forward to working with lawmakers, PennDOT and regional transportation planners to assure the roads in our township are brought up to date, with road widening projects, signal additions and other much needed improvements to deal with the increased traffic our township has experienced. I also look forward to the completion of the first comprehensive study of our township's recreational facilities and needs. This study, which will be funded through a state grant, will give us the guidance we need to improve the township recreational infrastructure so that we may meet the needs of our citizens in the future. Finally, I am deeply interested in engaging in a serious dialogue with both state, federal and Harrisburg International Airport officials about flood prevention infrastructure and mitigation projects to help solve our township's historic flooding issues.

Danielle Prokopchak

Danielle Prokopchak serves as the creative director for the Pennsylvania Senate Democrats. Prior to working for the Senate, she was the communications director for WITF/Top Flight Media. Born and raised close by in Lancaster, she and her family have lived in Lower Swatara Township for seven years. Danielle is a graduate of Millersville University.

1. How would you ensure a balance of growth and development in Lower Swatara Township with a rural feel and open spaces?

Answer: Striking a balance of growth and development while maintaining our precious land and quality of life is difficult but important. One simple and effective solution is better transparency. It's no secret that our area is desirable to developers, so it's up to the board to determine how to handle those requests while answering to the residents of Lower Swatara — the people who elect the commissioners. I believe that the residents of LST — our family, our neighbors, our friends — come before corporate interest. I am also a big proponent of "We, the people" — the desires of the residents is important to take into consideration before, during and after meeting with development companies. A small group of people shouldn't determine the future of an entire township behind closed doors. Keyword here is balance.

2. What is the best way for the township and its residents to handle funding for a stormwater utility and MS4 needs?

Answer: I am not sure that there is one simple solution to this multi-faceted issue, but certainly collaborating with state legislators is a good start. Monitoring compliance while ensuring we're doing our part as residents to keep our waterways clean is important but not at the cost of overburdening taxpayers. I would also propose an updated series of public hearings or education campaigns so that residents understand what MS4 actually means and how it impacts them. Like everyone else, I would like to explore other options than just fees and tax hikes.

3. What is the top thing you would like to see accomplished in Lower Swatara Township by the end of 2020?

Answer: The development of our township seems to be one of the most important issues for my neighbors and residents of LST, so it's one of the most important issues for me. I would like for the board to develop a transparency plan or pledge so that residents have some peace of mind. I am also extremely interested in keeping lines of communication open with the Lower Swatara Police Department

Pennsylvania's primary is Tuesday, May 21. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. In Pennsylvania primaries, you can only vote for candidates in the same political party under which you are registered. There are multiple uncontested races on the ballot. Coverage on pages A4-A6 focuses on the main locally contested races.

when it comes to their labor relations. Unions are the backbone of our community, and I want to make sure that those who serve to protect us know that they are equally protected in their labor endeavors.



Prokopchak

Todd Truntz

1. How would you ensure a balance of growth and development in Lower Swatara Township with a rural feel and open spaces?

Answer: Lower Swatara Township is a great place to live because of its rural setting and convenience to major highways. Our location is also attractive to businesses because of its accessibility. Online shopping is now a big part of our lives, which requires distribution systems like we've never seen. When you combine a strong economy and increased consumer demand with a rural community that's adjacent to a major highway network, the interests of large landowners seeking to maximize their properties are often at odds with residents who do not want increased traffic and loss of open spaces. It's not easy to balance these competing interests and do what's right for the township.

We can't legally outlaw industrial development. Constitutional due process permits developers to request changes in zoning. These requests must first go through the zoning hearing board and then the board of commissioners. All meetings must be publicly advertised, which residents have the right to attend and express their concerns. There are no "secret" or other closed-door meetings to exclude the public from this process. In fact, the board usually requires the developer to set up its own "town hall" meeting to present their plan to our residents, which gives folks yet another opportunity to voice concerns.

Each situation is different. Industrial developments in the far corners of the township that may already be zoned for a similar use and have highway access are different situations than those in areas surrounded by schools and residential developments. Sometimes we need to consider jobs that could benefit our residents. Development can also bring significant tax revenue, which can help take the tax burden off of us. Although we've heard about areas offering tax breaks and other incentives, we have not done that in the township during my tenure. I would not be in favor of that in the future.

Personally, I do not like to see industrial development and I wish the farms and open spaces could stay as they are. But as a commissioner, I have a duty to remain objective and respect the rights of all sides. If reelected, I will do my best to preserve the rural character of Lower Swatara Township while acting within the law. I will continue to evaluate each case objectively by balancing the interests of affected residents, landowners, and the positive and negative effects on the township in order to make the best decision.

2. What is the best way for the township and its residents to handle funding for a stormwater utility and MS4 needs?

Answer: "MS4" stands for "municipal separate storm sewer system." The township's MS4 is its stormwater sewer system, which is operated under a permit issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. In recent years, DEP has been charged with enforcing regulations imposed by the federal Clean Water Act, which was enacted to prevent pollutants from flowing into our waterways. Through these regulations, a lot of stringent stormwater management standards have been forced upon municipalities. It is very expensive for municipalities to meet these standards, and if we don't, serious fines can be levied by DEP. These MS4 Clean Water Act standards are an unfunded mandate that, like all other Pennsylvania municipalities, the township must find a way to pay for.



Truntz

I believe the fairest way to fund MS4 compliance is through a separate fee, like many of our neighboring communities have done. A fee can be looked at like our sanitary sewer system: stormwater flows from our properties into the storm sewers and we pay for the level of this "usage." The advantages of a separate fee are twofold. First, we can tailor the amount of the fee based on how much stormwater flows from a particular property. Basically, the more undeveloped, water-absorbing ground on the property ("pervious surface"), the less water flows off that property into the stormwater system. So, the average residential property with a house, driveway and walkways would be at the lower end of the fee, while large commercial or industrial properties with big buildings and parking lots would be on the higher scale (more "impervious surface"). The second advantage is, unlike a tax, all property owners are subject to the fee, which does not exclude government and non-profit owners as exempt. In my opinion, all owners of property having impervious surface create stormwater system runoff, so we should all share in the cost.

Believe me, as a resident and as a commissioner, I'm not happy about a fee for MS4 regulations. We've tried to delay the fee as long as possible. But unfortunately, the regulations have been imposed by the federal government and there's not much we can do but create an equitable funding method so the township can comply with these new stormwater standards.

3. What is the top thing you would like to see accomplished in Lower Swatara Township by the end of 2020?

Answer: I would like to see work started on our new Shireman Park by the end of 2020. A few years ago, the board was approached by the Lower Swatara Athletic Association with a concern about a shortage of baseball and softball fields. This year there are approximately 250 players and nearly 100 adult volunteers who participate in this great program that benefits township kids. With this need in mind, we were approached by a resident who had interest in selling a parcel of land located on the corner of Longview Drive and Ebenezer Road. The landowner was willing to offer the property at a below-market price in exchange for its use as a park for residents to enjoy. We did some research and could not find land in the township with better topography or at a lower asking price. The board at the time felt the price was right and that we should invest in the future recreational needs of the township, which may include additional ball fields, perhaps a dog park, nature trails and unimproved natural areas.

The township paid for this land using grant funds and from accumulated monies in our Parks and Recreation Fund. This fund is comprised of fees paid by land developers for creation of parks and open spaces. No tax dollars were used for this purchase. The property was formerly enrolled in the county "Clean & Green" program so prior tax revenue was minimal. While we are planning for development, the property is being leased to a local farmer, whose rent provides revenue and farming operations take care of maintenance.

We plan to develop our new park through grant funding and future funds paid into our Parks and Recreation Fund. Several years ago, the township faced a crisis with the soccer association when the kids had nowhere to play. The result is Greenfield Park that cost the township over a million dollars and required a bond to be issued. While that park was certainly money well spent, our plan with Shireman is to anticipate future needs and fund as much of the development as we can without using tax dollars or requiring bond financing. This requires planning and can be a slow process, because grant monies take time to materialize. Sometimes we are awarded grants and some-

times not. We recently applied for a grant for \$1,040,000 for planning and development of the Shireman Park. Hopefully that grant comes through, and we can move forward with development in 2020. In the end, I believe we will have a nice park that will accommodate needed baseball and softball facilities, as well as recreational space for all residents, at minimal cost to us as taxpayers.

Donald Wagner

1. How would you ensure a balance of growth and development in Lower Swatara Township with a rural feel and open spaces?

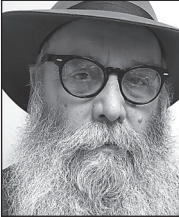
Answer: By maintaining a stricter budget, controlling unnecessary spending.

2. What is the best way for the township and its residents to handle funding for a stormwater utility and MS4 needs?

Answer: Each household will be required to pay a set fee.

3. What is the top thing you would like to see accomplished in Lower Swatara Township by the end of 2020?

Answer: Honesty, integrity and above all common sense, keeping the residents first.



Wagner

Jon Wilt

U.S. Postal Service, 31 years, retired, retail and customer service specialist; city of Harrisburg, Community Development, housing inspector; Parks and Recreation, equipment operator; Merchant Marines, engine department, sailed to Europe, Africa and the Far East including Saigon and Da Nang Vietnam during wartime; on various ships (freighters, tankers) delivering oil or other payloads. Graduated from Milton Hershey School; graduated and attended continuing education at Lundeberg School of Seamanship, Maryland.

1. How would you ensure a balance of growth and development in Lower Swatara Township with a rural feel and open spaces?

Answer: I will ensure responsible growth and development by examining each possible project and discussing details with the township staff, paid professionals, as well as with community input — working through to the best possible option to maintain a proper balance. A major concern has been our athletic facilities that may not be sufficient for our future needs. The Shireman property was purchased at a good price. We were able to use an available grant obtained from county gaming. We will be seeking future available grants to continue our vision of developing recreational facilities for this site.

2. What is the best way for the township and its residents to handle funding for a stormwater utility and MS4 needs?

Answer: We are working toward a rate structure that will levy a fee rather than a tax. This then would be shared by all residents and land owners. It is more equitable and fair to the township at large because a tax-exempt property would not be included to pay. As of May 1, we have hired a MS4 coordinator to work with our codes department and our public works department to help with the environmental issues.

3. What is the top thing you would like to see accomplished in Lower Swatara Township by the end of 2020?

Answer: As we are facing aging infrastructure, we will be coordinating a permanent upgrade with the temporary fix to the sinkhole at Spring Garden Drive and Lumber Street that was just completed May 7. The upgrade will include the sanitary sewer lines, water lines and culverts both there and leading to Greenwood Street. Our salt storage shed is in need of replacement. We will also be replacing the Highland Street bridge. Various other projects exist and will be worked on and completed in 2020 and beyond.



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ELECTION 2019

MIDDLETOWN COUNCIL

Four seats are open on the seven-member council. Robert Reid is not running for re-election. Incumbents Angela Lloyd, Ellen Willenbecher and Michael Woodworth are on the Democratic primary ballot along with Phyllis Dew and Erin M. Blake. As five Democrats are competing for four seats, one of the five will not advance to the November election. The two Republicans in the primary are Richard Klusiewicz and David Rhen, who both will advance to November. Only Dew and Willenbecher chose to respond to questions from the Press & Journal.

Phyllis Dew

Worked for more than 40 years as a social worker for Allegheny County, Office of Children and Youth, and then also Dauphin County Children and Youth Services, ending with the last 20 years running DEMAGE Inc. Counseling Agency focusing on foster and adoptive children. Bachelor and master's degrees in social work, certified recovery specialist, and ordained minister. A 2016 graduate of

the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Development Institute of Greater Harrisburg.

1. What should be the borough's strategy regarding the Suez water and sewer lease? Should the borough continue to try to make changes to the lease in court? Should the borough set up a fund that would help residents and businesses pay their water and sewer bills (similar to the electric trust)?

Answer: I think that we should continue in the courts with the strategy of letting the courts make a decision and if that doesn't work, explore setting up a fund to help people pay their water and sewer bills. **2. What is your position on the borough's zoning prohibition against more than two unrelated people living in the same house? Should this prohibition stay in place, or is it time to amend or get rid of it?** **Answer:** I feel that if Middletown residents keep their property up and pay their bills, they have the right to decide who will live in their homes related or unrelated.



Dew

3. What is the top thing you would like to see accomplished in Middletown by the end of 2020?

Answer: Due to the opioid epidemic, I would like to see programs serving this community in such a fashion that they do not continue to take so many of our citizens' lives, which leads to other problems as grandparents raising grandchildren and parents being incarcerated.

Ellen Willenbecher

1. What should be the borough's strategy regarding the Suez water and sewer lease? Should the borough continue to try to make changes to the lease in court? Should the borough set up a fund that would help residents and businesses pay their water and sewer bills (similar to the electric trust)?

Answer: Members of council are asked to not speak on borough matters that, like Suez, are in litigation. However, when I am walking around town talking to residents, I am heartened when I hear they understand that a previous council approved this contract with Suez, and they applaud the fight we are waging in the courts. **2. What is your position on the borough's zoning prohibi-**

tion against more than two unrelated people living in the same house? Should this prohibition stay in place, or is it time to amend or get rid of it?

Answer: Again, this issue is also in litigation. But when this claim is settled we look forward to be able to address this important matter.

3. What is the top thing you would like to see accomplished in Middletown by the end of 2020?

Answer: A goal I will work towards during 2020 is for more and more people to say, "I'm glad I live here!" Much can be accomplished with a community culture of gratitude and optimism. To reach this goal, I will work on improving the quality of life for residents through physical improvements in our town. First will be through continued enhancements of the borough's seven parks. They are centers in our neighborhoods offering places for people to meet, sites for organized youth sports, and safe places for kids to play outside. Trees and grass are efficient at managing stormwa-



Willenbecher

ter and increasing air quality, and can have a cooling effect in summer. I hope to be elected to work with my teammates and borough staff to fund and build a replacement playground for Kids Kastle in Hoffer Park and to plan and fund upgrades and improvements to the other parks.

Another aspect of making physical improvements is to address the blight of a number of properties in the borough. My teammates, staff and I have a list of blighted properties that are diminishing the safety and welfare of the community. Prop-

erty owners will be put on the clock to bring up to code their dilapidated building. Blighted buildings can send a message to a neighborhood that no one cares, but I do.

And, finally, my teammates, staff and I will begin to build a working relationship with the Middletown business community. The time is now for us to create an environment and strategic plan to sustain and retain local businesses and to attract new ones.

I hope you will trust me with your vote to get to work for Middletown.

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In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and amendments thereto: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NOMINATIONS are to be made for the following Offices at the ensuing Municipal Primary to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., prevailing time in various Election Districts in the City of Harrisburg and the County of Dauphin, Pennsylvania, viz:

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Honorable John McNally, Chairman

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THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY IS MAY 21, 2019. IN THE PAST, THE STAFF AND CONCERNED CITIZENS OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, UNDER THE AUSPICE OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, HAVE SPENT EXTENSIVE TIME IN TRYING TO MAKE ALL POLLING PLACES IN DAUPHIN COUNTY ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY OR PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN PHYSICAL DISABILITIES. IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO AN INACCESSIBLE POLLING SITE, CONTACT THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BUREAU OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS AT (717) 780-6360 ON HOW TO RECEIVE AN ALTERNATIVE BALLOT.

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ELECTION 2019

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP

The two Republican incumbents on the Londonderry Board of Supervisors will face a challenge in the May 21 primary.

Anna J. Dale and Melvin R. Hershey are the incumbents. Beth Graham, the former township office manager, also is running.

Because there are two seats up for grabs and no Democrats on the ballot, the top two vote-getters on Tuesday likely will win seats in November's general election.

Graham did not respond to requests to answer the following questions from the Press & Journal.

Mel Hershey

I am a graduate of Lower Dauphin School District. I spent my career as a fully commissioned HVAC professional. I have been involved in Londonderry Township my entire life serving with the fire company, ambulance service, emergency management, zoning hearing board, and as a supervisor.

1. What steps do you support to keep Three Mile Island open, and what steps should the township take if it closes?

Answer: Firstly, this issue is not just about Three Mile Island. It is about the 16,000 jobs and \$2 billion in GDP produced by the nuclear power industry in Pennsylvania. I am all about equity in business. I believe we need legislative action to ensure that all power-generating companies are playing on a level field. So leg-

islators need to include and recognize the benefits of zero-carbon emissions from nuclear power and extend the same credits to nuclear power companies that are provided to other forms of carbon free emissions energy producers. Conversely, they could eliminate all credits given to all producers of power. That would also ensure that every power-generating company would be treated equally in the energy market. The point is that we need energy diversity in our portfolio. We need to reduce greenhouse gases and we need to protect our economy. The loss of the nuclear power industry would be economically devastating to our region and the state. The short answer is that I support a legislative change to treat every energy producer the same, and let them compete as such and protect our economy and the families of our community.

What should we do if TMI closes? A number of years ago, the current board of supervisors, and I am proud of this, married its strategic plan to its financial plan. We did this by creating a five-year plan with input from our team, and we update and analyze that plan every year during the annual budget process. This financial planning is what helped us absorb the news that Three Mile Island may be closing. We have been making adjustments to the plan each year. For example, we have



Hershey

some full-time vacant positions open that we chose to leave open so that we reduce our annual expenditures. We supplemented our current workforce with part-time human resources to help meet our service demands. So from the budgeting perspective, we have been diligent about being sure we can continue to operate at current levels should TMI close and still meet our operational requirements and we have done so by sound financial planning.

I believe we have to plan for the closure and replace the revenue by working hard to attract new businesses to the township, allow some managed growth and use these two items to increase the tax base in general, including the loss of revenue should TMI in fact, close. At the end of the day we need to have economic development in the township to ensure we are not in a similar situation in the future.

2. With two major housing developments potentially in the works, how would you ensure a balance of growth and development in Londonderry Township with a rural feel and open spaces?

Answer: By fully utilizing the traditional neighborhood design ordinance that we put in place a few years ago. One acre, one lot, in the previous ordinance is the definition of urban sprawl and it is exactly what we didn't want. So we created a new ordinance to allow for higher density development along major road systems because we wanted to plan for where we wanted development, meet our legally mandated housing require-

ments and ensure that we could preserve the rural nature of our community. The TND ordinance has open space and recreational requirements that have to be met within the newly planned communities. These communities have to be served by public water and sewer, so by limiting where they could be located by ordinance we knew that would limit where water and sewer were located in the township. That allows us to limit growth to the exact areas where smart growth designers indicated it belongs. It is also the most cost-effective manner for the township to develop because it costs us as much to plow a mile of road, for example, whether there is one home or 10 homes on it, so this design allows us to manage growth and realize economies of scale when providing services.

This maximizes our tax base and keeps the majority of the township rural by providing for all types of housing within a single area. These types of developments have open space and recreational standards so that there is green space throughout. The areas where this type of development can occur are located where the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has indicated that we have sewer issues and that the township must provide for public sewer. So the developers are potential cost sharers in the township's DEP mandates and that saves our residents money.

It all goes back to planning ahead and being proactive in our approach to government. We have faced many complex issues during my tenure and the planning and professionalism of our team is what has made us successful.

3. What is the top thing you would like to see accomplished in Londonderry Township by the end of 2020?

Answer: I wish it could be the top things, as there is much I would like to accomplish. For me, economic development to build the tax base is very important. One thing we know that never ends is unfunded mandates from federal and state agencies. These are legal requirements that we have to implement but there is no funding provided to go with the mandate, and they get expensive fast. The on-lot septic pumping program from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, MS4 stormwater and Chesapeake Bay Standards from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and DEP are prime examples of unfunded mandates. We get requirements but no funding. So we need to grow our tax base to be able to meet those requirements while keeping our overall tax-per-homeowner as low as possible. We don't want tax increases any more than anyone else, we live here and pay them, too. The key is to grow our tax base in a measured manner so we can meet

the capital and service needs of the township for our residents and to do it in the most efficient manner.

Anna Dale

Anna Dale has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Maryland. She came to the region in 1973 for a job with Bender Associates & Architects in Camp Hill. She relocated to Londonderry Township in 1976 with her husband, and they are small business owners in the township.

1. What steps do you support to keep Three Mile Island open, and what steps should the township take if it closes?

Answer: Since the announcement two years ago, I became a key member of the Clean Jobs for Pennsylvania coalition taking an active leadership role with media interviews, talk shows and rallies in an effort to raise the alarm that this is more a global issue about the nuclear industry in Pennsylvania, not just Three Mile Island. I believe it's appropriate to have a level playing field in our energy markets. There are consequences with every energy decision that is made. Given our governor's emphasis on reducing carbon emissions, the nuclear industry should be recognized as a zero-carbon producer of electrical energy and be able to share in the credits offered. Conversely, if subsidies are the issues then perhaps all subsidies in the market, from all forms of power producers should be removed so that they all have competitive parity.

If TMI closes, we, as a board, have been planning for the potential impact to our community and the loss of revenue. Having developed the concept of a five-year budget strategy years ago, we've adjusted our current budget spending accordingly. We have left some full-time positions vacant and utilize part-time help to fill in the gaps. Additionally, we have asked our current full-time staff to each pick up some of those duties where possible to keep our operational costs in line with that budget. Meeting our service requirements and unfunded mandates is not easy, but as a cohesive team, we are committed to seeking grant funds when possible and dedicated to keeping our taxes low as possible.

2. With two major housing developments potentially in the works, how would you ensure a balance of growth and development in Londonderry Township with a rural feel and open spaces?

Answer: Pre-planning is the key. Several years ago, the board took on the task of investigating how the township could grow and maintain a vibrant rural township. We began with exploring the concept of smart growth called traditional neighborhood development, or TND. We wanted to ensure that we managed and directed growth where we wanted it and could utilize infrastructure avoiding urban sprawl. Working with our manager, consultants and developers, we identified areas we thought best suited for major

development that are served by major road systems and interchanges. After multiple public hearings, we created a new ordinance for a "smart growth manner" that would be served by public sewer and water in exchange for higher density, mixed use of commercial and residential allowing for all types of housing within a single area. This type of development would allow our tax base to grow and have developments with open spaces, recreational standards and keep the majority of the township rural.

3. What is the top thing you would like to see accomplished in Londonderry Township by the end of 2020?

Answer: Currently the township needs to solidify the plan for wastewater that is mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection. We are on their radar for full implementation to what is referred to as our 537 plan. We are seeking to identify and have potential partners help share the costs so that it doesn't fall solely on our residents. I would like to have a path forward and the right partnerships for sewer compliance clearly defined by the end of 2020.

Now that we have heard about the imminent closure of Three Mile Island, I thought it appropriate to write my thoughts on it as well.

As stated in your questions about the closure above, the issue before Pennsylvania is not just Three Mile Island. As I read through various media outlets comments, I am left with the opinion that many believe this legislation is about saving just TMI.

This is a much larger issue for the state than this one plant. If there is no consideration for zero carbon credit provided for the nuclear industry in the commonwealth, the remaining nuclear plants will continue to find it difficult to compete and be in jeopardy of eventual closure. This will continue to place Pennsylvania further behind in reducing carbon emissions.

As to the issue of subsidies, it seems that all sectors of energy product receive some sort of subsidies. In 2016, the oil and gas production industries nationally received on average \$15 billion in fiscal support. Last year, natural gas companies like UGI had asked to add a surcharge of 1.5 percent to customers' bill to subsidize the construction of more pipelines. As for solar, it's hard to ascertain those figures to the taxpayer as credits and rebates go to the homeowner, but I'm sure there is a cost we don't acknowledge. And lastly, there are unmentioned negative impacts of solar; we don't hear the land that is taken up with the panels rather than being used for homes, businesses or agriculture, nor about the environmental impact of the construction of and the periodic replacement of those panels and the toxic materials that they are comprised of.



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BASEBALL

Raiders win three of four

Team still needs help to make postseason with two games left

By Larry Etter
Press & Journal Staff

Entering last week's diamond action hanging on to a glimmer of hope of qualifying for postseason play, the Middletown varsity baseball team claimed victories in three of four games.

The lone loss, an 8-7 setback to West Perry, clearly cast some doubt on those hopes. Because of their place in the power rankings heading into the week, the Blue Raiders were facing an uphill battle and it appeared as if they would need to win each of their remaining six games to have a real chance.

The three wins were a big plus, but the Raiders (10-8) also needed some help from other teams ahead of them in the standings as they entered this week with two games left in the regular season — at Bishop McDevitt on Tuesday and home to CD East on Wednesday.

Monday power rankings had Middletown at No. 14 with a .541723 rating. No. 10 was Bermudian Springs with a .557871 rating. The top 10 teams in AAAA make the playoffs.

Middletown 7, Trinity 1

On May 7 at Wass Park in Camp Hill, the Raiders turned back host Trinity 7-1 for their eighth win of the season. The game was delayed a day due to a wet field.

The offense, keyed by a pair of hits each from Cam Peters and Justin Yohn, provided starting pitcher Scott Ash the run support he wanted in the victory.

Peters, a senior first baseman, slammed the team's first home run of the season on one of his two hits.

In the top of the fifth inning Peters hit the ball over the right field fence on a line drive with teammate Garrett Miller on base.

"It was a first pitch, inside fastball, and I turned on it and it went out," Peters said.

Ash pitched six innings for the win. The senior right hander struck out 11 batters, issued just three walks and allowed just two hits before giving way to Michael Tuffy, who

Cam Peters describing his home run



Scott Ash fires a pitch vs. Boiling Springs on Saturday. Ash came within two outs of pitching a no-hitter.

pitched the seventh inning.

Also on offense, Tim Wagner scored twice and Collin Heffner had an RBI.

West Perry 8, Middletown 7

On May 8 at home, the Blue Raiders rallied from a 6-2 deficit with a 5-run fifth inning to take a 7-6 lead over West Perry. But the Mustangs went back in front 8-7 in the top of the sixth and held the Raiders scoreless in the sixth and seventh to hold on

for an 8-7 win. In the season's first half, the

advantage. But, rather than give in to the pressure, the Blue Raiders charged back in the bottom of the frame as the bats came alive against pitcher Kaiden Robinson.

With one out, Yohn, Brady Keyser, Ash and Williams punched out four straight hits to tie the score. With two outs, Miller scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch.

But the Mustangs scored twice in the top of the sixth via an RBI single by Robinson and a bases-loaded walk with two outs. In the bottom of the sixth, Williams was safe on an error with two outs, but was left stranded.

In the home half of the seventh, the Raiders were sat down in order as the Mustangs held on for the win.

Middletown 13, Milton Hershey 3

On Thursday at Milton Hershey, the Middletown nine slowly pulled away in a tight game with the host Spartans before erupting for 8 runs in the top of the sixth inning to put the game out of reach.

Up through the top of the fifth the Blue Raiders had just two hits, but took advantage of several walks in building a 4-1 lead.

The Raiders had six hits in the decisive sixth stanza.

Jaxson Senior's sacrifice fly in the first inning drove in Ash for the team's first run. Starting pitcher Brady Keyser held the Spartans to just one run through four innings before Milton Hershey scored two more in the bottom of the fifth. The Raiders scored two runs in the top of the fourth, the first coming on a passed ball and error that allowed Wagner to race home and the second coming when Yohn tagged up and scored on a lineup by Williams.

The Raiders upped their lead to 4-1 on a balk with Peters on third.

In the bottom of the fifth, a two-run double by Dominic Williams made it a 4-3 game as the Spartans rallied. But the lift the home team earned from the two scores was short-lived as the Blue Raiders' offense really came alive in the top of the sixth.

Ash led off with a single, and Williams doubled to center to drive in Ash for the first run. With two outs, Williams stole third and then scored on a Spartan error. Three

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SOFTBALL

MAHS loses 2, misses postseason

Teams wraps up year at 12-8 with young core

The Middletown Blue Raiders softball team finished the year at 12-8, just missing a trip to the postseason.

The squad lost two of its last three games, falling May 8, 16-1 at West Perry, and Saturday, 6-2 at home to Bishop McDevitt. In between, on Friday, was a 11-1 win at home against Milton Hershey.

Against McDevitt, the visitors scored four runs in the fifth inning to help put the game away.

Madison Gipe was the losing pitcher for the Blue Raiders, giving up six runs on 10 hits. She struck out seven and walked one.

Kate Fitzpatrick was 2-for-3 for the Blue Raiders, who managed only three hits total in the game.

Against Milton Hershey, 9 runs in the fourth inning helped lead to the 11-1 win.

Carly Dupes and Fitzpatrick both hit home runs in the fourth.

Hailey Hockenberry, Noelle Zimmerman and Sara Dintiman also had RBIs that inning. The Blue Raiders had 11 hits for the game, with Fitzpatrick (who added a triple), Zimmerman and Dintiman each getting two.

On the mound, Zimmerman gave up one run in five innings. She struck out three.

Against West Perry, the Blue Raiders scored in the first inning on a double by Fitzpatrick. That was all they could muster, however. Middletown had just four hits for the game, with Fitzpatrick



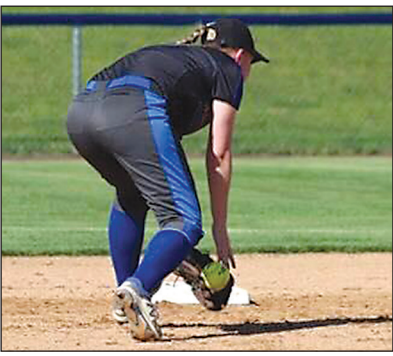
Above, Haley Hockenberry takes a swing vs. Bishop McDevitt on Saturday. Below, Kate Fitzpatrick tracks down a ground ball.

having two of them.

West Perry scored seven times in the third.

Jenna Alford was the starting pitcher for Middletown, pitching two innings and giving up 12 runs on eight hits with one strikeout. Gipe came on in relief.

The Blue Raiders will have a strong core coming back next year, as Hayli Akakpo-Martin is the only senior who will graduate.



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OBITUARIES

Arlene Brightbill

HUMMELSTOWN

Arlene G. Brightbill, 89, of Hummelstown, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Carolyn Croxton Slane Hospice Residence, Harrisburg.

Arlene was born on September 20, 1929 in Harrisburg, Pa. and was the daughter of the late Clarence C. and Florence (Gelsinger) Brightbill.

She was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force having served during the Korean War.

She was a member of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Middletown.

In addition to her parents, Arlene was preceded in death by her brothers, Rollin (Tiddle), Harold, Marlin, Charlie and

Francis (Jake) and her sister Ruth (Mengel/Shiffler).

She is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Arlene was a woman who exemplified what it meant to be strong and independent. Arlene lived in California, Connecticut, Texas and Arkansas before moving back to Pennsylvania to be among her family in her final years. She was outspoken in her beliefs and a true patriot.

She loved her nieces and nephews dearly and delighted in their accomplishments. Arlene also leaves behind many friends around the country that she considered family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 12 p.m. at Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 280 N. Race St., Middle-

town, with the Rev. Ted Keating as celebrant. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of Mass at the church.

Burial with military honors will be held at Ft. Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Arlene's name may be made to Hospice of Central PA, 1320 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Condolences may be sent online at www.matinchekfuneralhome.com.

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Phyllis Fetter

MIDDLETOWN

Phyllis J. Fetter, 88, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Middletown Home.

She was born on May 21, 1930 in Mount Joy, Pa. and was the daughter of the late Newpher and Emma (Givens) Garber.

Phyllis enjoyed playing bingo, poker, reading, going to casinos and most importantly, she loved her family and was always at her happiest when they were all together.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers, Paul, Walter, Gerald, Russel, Robert and Stanton Garber; three sisters, Betty Faye

Garber, Dorothy Otis, and Barbara Campbell; and a grandson, Mark C. Koons.

She is survived by her loving children, Dorene Koons, Lamar C. Fetter Jr., Rick Fetter, spouse Gwen (Obenstein) Fetter, Robert Fetter, Kenneth Fetter and Barry Balmer, spouse Mike Knobke; a sister, Jacqueline Keene; granddaughters Jen (Koons) Woodley, spouse Reuben, Amy (Fetter) Popp, spouse Mike, Wendy Fetter, and Hunter Fetter (fiancé, Tyler Davis), great-grandchildren Madelyn, Markus, and Maxwell Woodley, Andrew, Christopher and Jordon Popp, as well as Ryleigh and Madison Davis.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Matinchek Funeral Home

and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown, with the Rev. Dan Gilbert officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions may be made to Four Diamonds, 1249 Cocoa Ave. #115, Hershey, PA 17033.

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LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP

Toddlers left unattended, police say

Two people face charges after two 3- and 5-year-old children were found in the parking lot of Angie's Diner on South Eisenhower Boulevard.

The call came in at 5:33 p.m. May 8. Both Kudeema Brown, 27, of York, and Ibu Tylek Payton, 30, of Harrisburg, have been charged with two counts of endangering welfare of children.

According to the affidavit filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith, a witness told police that Brown and Payton got into an argument, and Brown left the restaurant.

Payton reportedly took the children back to their hotel room at the Congress Inn.

According to the affidavit, the children were left in the room without any supervision and the children ended up in the diner parking lot.

Both were arraigned, and Brown's bail was set at \$10,000 and Payton's at \$5,000. Court records indicate that Brown's bail was posted. Their preliminary hearings have been scheduled for May 20.

DUI charge for Alabama man

A 57-year-old man was

charged with DUI after he allegedly backed into another vehicle, left the scene and drove in the wrong lane of traffic on Two Terminal Drive in Harrisburg International Airport at 8:48 a.m. May 3, according to the affidavit filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith.

Daniel Gregory Hall, of Dawson, Alabama, also was charged with accident involving damage to attended vehicle or property; limitations on backing; and one-way roadways.

A preliminary hearing for Hall has been scheduled for June 17.

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More charges filed against doctor who worked for MASD

By Dan Miller
danmiller@pressandjournal.com

More sexual assault charges were filed Friday after a sixth victim came forward regarding William Vollmar, 55, the Lancaster County sports medicine doctor who had been a contracted physician for Middletown and several other school districts.

The sixth victim began seeing Vollmar while he was on the Lampeter-Strasburg High School track and field team, according to Attorney General Josh Shapiro, whose office is handling the Vollmar case.

The victim said Vollmar performed oral sex on him without his consent during sports massages at Vollmar's residence in 1996 and 1997.

Vollmar was the contracted school physician for Middletown from 2013-14 until April 11, when he resigned after being arrested by State Police and charged with indecent assault.

No victims coming forward leading to charges have been from the Middletown district. Superintendent Lori Suski has said the district is unaware of any alleged improper conduct directed at Middletown students during his time working for the district.

Suski urges any past or present students who have alleged inappropriate conduct to call State Police at 717-290-1965.



Vollmar

OURCOMMUNITY

LD’s Kennedy, McIntire earn monthly honors

Two Lower Dauphin High School seniors recently received monthly honors.

Tanner Kennedy was recognized by the Rotary Club of Hummelstown as Student of the Month for April.

Tanner, the son of Steven and Shirley Kennedy, is involved in the school’s Mini-THON as a captain, and participated in the theater program. He was “Harry” in this year’s production of “Mamma Mia!” and he participated in the musical all four years. He is a five-year veteran of Dramapalooza and directed a play last year. He’s been involved in the Men’s A Cappella for three years and is the Tenor 1 section leader. He participated in choir and chamber singers. He is a four-year member of the Young Democrats Club and a two-year member of the Diversity Club. He has been involved in the LD orchestra program since fourth grade. Tanner is a member of the National Science Honor Society and a two-year member of the Math Honor Society. He serves as a mentor in Lower Dauphin’s outdoor education program.

He volunteers as a tutor in Lower Dauphin Communities That Care’s Study Buddy program and participates in the Health Career Exploration Program at the Hershey Medical Center.

He plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh and major in nursing.

Cassandra McIntire was named Young Woman of the Month for April by the Hummelstown Women’s Club.

Cassie, the daughter of Steve and Shelly McIntire, was selected for her commitment to service at the high school and in the community. She participated in band for three years. She is a two-year member of the National English Honor Society, and National Science Honor Society.

She played softball for three seasons. She is a two-year student representative on the Lower Dauphin Board of School Directors and participates in the Health Career Exploration Program at Hershey Medical Center. She is a mentor with Lower Dauphin’s outdoor education program.

She is active in her church and served as a Club Ophelia mentor with Lower Dauphin Communities That Care for four years.

She plans to attend a four-year college or university and major in biology with the goal of becoming a physician’s assistant.



Kennedy



McIntire

NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD |

LAVONNE ACKERMAN

Is gardening helping you get in shape?

Hi, everyone! We are midway through May, and I hope the time has been pleasant for you.

Maybe all of you are getting fit by spending more time outdoors. Yard work is always helpful in this area. There’s nothing like bending and stretching and digging and lifting to get a garden whipped into shape. And a body!

I hope you enjoy walking around, wherever you are, and enjoying the wonderful days of May! I believe May is one of the best top three months we have here in central Pennsylvania. Who is with me?

Let me know your news to share. Just call or email.

Birthdays

Happy beautiful birthday to **Tracy Meifert** of Lower Swatara Township on Wednesday, May 15. You are such a wonderful person. I hope you know how happy you make people around you!

Briana Dunlap of Lower Swatara marks her 23rd cake day on Thursday, May 16. Many good wishes to you for a thrill-a-minute day, Briana!

Happy 19th last-teener birthday to **Elliot Demko** of Lower Swatara on Friday, May 17. Enjoy this festive time all weekend!

Best wishes for a peppy happy birthday are sent to **Karen Bendgen** of Lower Swatara. She celebrates on Saturday, May 18.

Dan Fuoti of Lower Swatara will be hearing the birthday song on May 18. I hope it is a sweet sound to your ears on Saturday, Dan!

Anthony Condran of Lower Swatara hits cake day No. 24 on Saturday, May 18. I hope all your dreams are coming true for you, Anthony!

Skiler Mullen marks his big-deal 25th birthday on Sunday, May 19. Wishing you many good things for your life, Skiler!

Happy birthday balloons will be flying for **Diego Berrones** of Lower Swatara as he turns 17 on Sunday, May 19. Wishing you blue skies, Diego!

Michelle Berrones of Lower Swatara celebrates with her son on Sunday, May 19. Enjoy your frosty-filled cake day!

Happy 93rd birthday to **Norm Sheaffer** of Lower Swatara on Sunday, May 19. Enjoy your weekend with love and much laughter, Norm!

Happy legal-eagle-full-fledged 21st birthday to **Mark Wagner** of Lower Swatara. His big-deal day is Monday, May 20. I hope your week is superb!

Todd Houser Jr. of Lower Swatara hits cake day No. 23 on Tuesday, May 21. Many good wishes for a just spiffy day!

Jasmine Myers of Middletown marks her cool-parade birthday as she turns official at 18! I hope your Tuesday, May 21 is remarkable. Congrats!

Anniversaries

Larry and Angie Crumlich of Lower Swatara Township celebrate 26 years of wedded bliss together on Wednesday, May 15. Here’s to a beautiful day for the two of you!

Happy 28th anniversary to cute couple **Mike and Kim Carroll** of Lower Swatara on Saturday, May 18. Please have a super-fun day together!

Charlie and July Star of Lower Swatara observe their 59th anniversary on Tuesday, May 21. Congrats, and have a terrific day. God bless you both!

Glad glad

Congratulations to John Ponnnett, third son of John Ponnnett Jr. and Stephanie Ponnnett of Lower Swatara Township.

John recently graduated with highest honors from Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University.

Ebenezer Church news

Please come out to learn more about the summer camp program for the summer at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 800 Ebenezer Road.

There will be several volunteer opportunities.

Chicken barbecue

The Lower Swatara Lions Club will hold a chicken barbecue on Saturday, May 18 at the Lions Club in Shope Gardens.

It includes half a chicken, a baked potato, applesauce and a roll.

See any Lion member for tickets as there will only be a limited amount of dinners available for walk-ups. Come down and pick up a few for dinner and help our Lions Club with this fundraiser. Pickup is from noon to 2 p.m.

Community dinner

It’s turkey time! Come out and enjoy a roast turkey dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (or until sold out) Monday, May 20, at Evangelical United Methodist Church, 157 E. Water St., Middletown.

Dinner includes stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce, beverage and dessert. You may dine in or take out. A cost is involved.

Everyone is welcome (a handicapped entrance is available). For more information, call 717-944-6181.

Apple Dapple Cake

by Grandma Louise

3 eggs
1 1/2 c. oil
2 c. sugar

3 c. flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
2 tsp. vanilla
1/4 c. milk
3 c. apples, peeled and diced
1 c. nuts
Mix oil, sugar and eggs. Add flour and other ingredients. Add apples and nuts last. Bake in a tube pan at 350 degrees for an hour.

1 stick butter
1 c. brown sugar
1/4 c. milk
Boil for 2 1/2 minutes, then pour over the top.

Quote of the Week

“Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.” — Anonymous

Question of the Week

What do you like to do in your free time?

“Hang out with my brothers, and play video games.” — **Ean Benner**, 16, Royalton.

“I don’t have much free time, but I like to play piano and sing. Or get together with friends.” — **Lisa Shaver**, Lower Swatara.

“I like to play sports.” — **Jayden Benner**, 15, Royalton.

“Draw, read and watch videos.” — **Ayla Windows**, 8, Susquehanna.

“Play with my kitty. She is old. I sleep with her.” — **Julia Killeen**, 4, Camp Hill.

“Play baseball!” — **Logan Benner**, 12, Royalton.

Proverb for the Week

All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast (15:15).

Reach LaVonne Ackerman at 717-649-7366 or by email at LaVonneAck@comcast.net.

Ranger Battalion vet to speak on D-Day anniversary

On the 75th anniversary of D-Day, a veteran who fought at Normandy will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Central PA WWII Roundtable, at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 6.

Hawley native Joe Drake served as sergeant with Company A, 2nd Ranger Battalion.

One of his outfit’s most famous exploits was climbing the cliffs at Pointe du Hoc on June 6, 1944. Drake, however, arrived a few weeks after the initial Normandy landings and helped to clear out remaining pockets of German soldiers in the vicinity.

Drake entered the army in April 1943, and after training in Mississippi, Louisiana and England saw combat in Northern France, the Rhineland, and Belgium, including the Battle of the Bulge.

A monumental victory for the Rangers of the 2nd Battalion in which Drake did participate was the assault on the city of Brest in August 1944.

Drake’s A Company disabled the strongest and largest German fortress in the area, taking over 850 German prisoners.

Drake made it back to the United States in October 1945 and was

discharged that December. He worked for 34 years in the Hawley post office, serving as postmaster for the last 15 years.

Today, the 95-year-old veteran lives on the street where he was born.

The June meeting will feature a buy one, get one free book sale, with proceeds donated to local nonprofit organizations that benefit veterans.

The Central Pennsylvania WWII Roundtable is a nonprofit organization that provides a forum for World War II veterans, authors, historians and others to share

their knowledge and experiences related to the war.

Meetings, held the first Thursday of every month, begin at 7 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 433 E. Main Street, Hummelstown.

Anyone with an interest in World War II is invited to attend the meetings. There are no membership or admission fees.

For more information, contact Charlie Lloyd at charlie.centralpaww2rt@gmail.com or 717-503-2862, or visit the organization’s website at www.centralpaww2roundtable.org.

TOWN TOPICS

Election Day spaghetti dinner will be held

Prince Edwin-Spring Creek Masonic Lodge No. 486, 131 W. Emaus St., Middletown, is sponsoring its All-You-Can-Eat Election Day Spaghetti Dinner from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 21.

Eat-in or takeout is available, as is local delivery by calling 717-991-1157. The event benefits the Middletown Public Library.

For more information, email smatincheck@gmail.com.

Frey Village Strawberry Festival is June 1

Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown, is sponsoring its annual Strawberry Festival from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 1.

There will be various family-friendly activities for children, food, baked goods, entertainment, raffle items and silent auction.

For more information, contact Tracy Klein at 717-930-1225 or email kleint@diakon.org.

Youth Club Bingo scheduled for Thursdays

Youth Club Bingo will be held Thursday nights at the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department, 10 Adelia St.

Doors open at 5 p.m., and bingo starts at 6:45 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Middletown Youth Club.

Historical society presentation at museum

A “Native Americans of the Greater Middletown Area” presentation, by Jeannie Dunaway, will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 20, at the Middletown Area Historical Society Museum, 29 E. Main St.

The program will be free and open to the public. For more information, call Jenny Miller at 717-574-6716.

Undergraduate, graduate courses offered by PSU

Penn State Harrisburg, 777 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, is offering two summer sessions.

Session 1 runs through June 21; Session 2 is from June 26 through Aug. 7.

Register at 717-948-6250 or email hbgadmit@psu.edu.

Middletown Area School District slates events

Middletown Area School District May events include:

- May 17: Reid Elementary School Field Day.
- May 17: Kunkel Elementary School Field Day for grades 3-5.

- May 18: Middletown Area High School prom, 6 p.m. at Middletown Area High School.
- May 21: No school, staff development day.
- May 22: Kunkel Elementary School Spring Choral Concert, 7 p.m.

Roast beef dinner at Lower Swatara Fire

Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Company, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, is sponsoring a roast beef dinner from 11 a.m. until its sold out Sunday, May 19.

Eat-in or takeout is available.

Library spring fundraiser book sale continues

Two days remain for the Spring Fundraising Book Sale at the Middletown Public Library, 20 N. Catherine St.: 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 16, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18.

For more information, call 717-944-6412 or visit www.middletownpubliclib.org.

Mehaffie to host Active Shooter Safety Seminar

State Rep. Tom Mehaffie, R-Lower Swatara Township, will host an Active Shooter Safety Seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at the Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Com-

pany, 1350 Fulling Mill Road.

Featured will be a presentation on survival methods and responses you can employ during an active shooter scenario.

Seating is limited, and registration is required. RSVP by calling 717-534-1323 by May 24.

Help sound the alarm about fire safety

Volunteers and volunteer teams are needed for the next Sound the Alarm event to be held Friday, May 31 at the Middletown Borough MCSO Building, 60 W. Emaus St., Middletown.

Volunteer arrival/training is at 8:30 a.m.; from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the event.

Reply to david.boucher@red-cross.org or call 717-756-6613.

Family fun day at Hoffer Park will be on Saturday

Join Commissioners Jeff Haste, Mike Pries and George P. Hartwick III at Family Fun Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Hoffer Park, Mill Street, Middletown.

Featured will be inflatables, free food, games and more.

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For more information, call 717-635-2254.

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The Presbyterian Congregation is located at 290 N. Union St. in downtown Middletown. We are a body of Christian people who reach out to others by sharing God’s Word, love, and fellowship. Warm greetings to one and all as we seek to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as Pastor Christian Neubaum leads us in worship. Our sanctuary is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do join us!

You are invited on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for our Adult Forum, an opportunity to learn more about the Bible and issues of concern to Christians! All are welcome as we study the Bible and reflect on how the scriptures can inform and inspire us to “walk the talk” in our daily lives and to be responsible and faithful Christians as we confront the

critical issues of our time. Our electronic newsletter can be accessed anytime at www.pcmdt.org...click on “resources”...click on “newsletter.” (These are PDF files should open with Adobe Acrobat.) For further information, see our website www.pcmdt.org, visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation), or call the office.

New Beginnings Church of Middletown



We are an independent body of believers offering God’s invitation for a new beginning to all who seek it. We exist to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all people through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation. New Beginnings Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children’s church is provided. Our congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire Company. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at back door. For additional church information call 717-388-1641. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that will be the front door.

The community is invited to our new contemporary service on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. entitled “New Beginnings Unchained Worship Fellowship.” Persons who have no church affiliation or are seeking to grow in their faith in their relationship with God are invited. We invite you to come and check out our new service. Sundays: Children’s choir rehearsal Sundays at 10 a.m.; Youth Fellowship meets Sunday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. Mondays: Men meet every Monday morning for prayer at 6 a.m. Community men are welcome; Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. All are welcome. Wednesdays: Craft Group meets at 1 p.m.; Choir practice at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Blanket makers meet the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month at 9 a.m.; Intercessory Prayer meets at 6 p.m., followed by Bible Study at 7 p.m. Saturdays: We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd Saturday every other month. The community is invited to participate in these

important areas of our church life. Greeter for May: Nancy Leister. May ushers: Paula and John Bidoli, Mary Mulka and Earl Peters; Children’s church leaders for Sun., May 19: Nancy Leister and Lisa Walak. Our prayer garden in the rear of the yard has an 8-foot cross that is made out of nails. From spring to winter benches are provided to use to meditate or just enjoy the beauty and quietness along the Swatara Creek. Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on the Facebook page “Pastor Britt Strohecker.” Our Sunday worship service is broadcast on the MAHS radio station, WMSS 91.1 FM at 3 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. Listen on the radio or the Internet at www.pennlive.com/wmss/audio. Check us out on our website at www.newbeginningschurchmiddletownpa.com. Pastor Britt’s parting words each Sunday: “Nothing in this world is more important than the love of Jesus Christ!” We invite you to come and experience this love.

Ebenezer United Methodist Church



Ebenezer United Methodist Church and Childcare, 890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown invites everyone to join us for worship on Sunday mornings lead by Pastor Brad Gilbert. Our services are relaxed and casual. We offer a traditional service at 8:45 a.m. and a contemporary service with a band (electric guitars) at 10:45 a.m. At 10 a.m., between services, there is a variety of Christian Education classes for all ages. We have several things happening at Ebenezer and all are welcome. There is a prayer time, “Partners in Prayer” that meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Through scripture, song, and meditation we experience the joy of God’s presence. Have a favorite

board game? “Game Night” is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. We also offer a variety of other groups including Bible studies. Any questions please call us at 717-939-0766 or e-mail us at ebenezerumc890@outlook.com.

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church



Calvary church has been a part of the Middletown Borough community since 1936. It has been our privilege to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ all these years and to do so knowing the good news has never changed in over 2000 years. We firmly hold to the Apostles’ Creed and the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms as clearly teaching what Scripture teaches. If we believe the Gospel of Christ, then by trusting in his death and resurrection for sinners we will be forgiven and saved from God’s wrath. Please join us each Sunday to hear the Gospel. Learn more at: www.calvaryopc.com.

Our worship services are at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. We are located at the corner of Spruce and Emaus streets here in Middletown. We have a fellowship meal following the 10:15 a.m. morning worship service on the first Sunday of every

month, free to all who come. We also have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9 a.m. and a Bible Study and prayer meeting each Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are studying the power of prayer on Wednesday nights.

Evangelical United Methodist Church



Evangelical Church meets on the corner of Spruce and Water Streets at 157 E. Water St., Middletown, south of Main St., behind the Turkey Hill convenience store. We invite you to attend our Sunday morning activities: Sunday school is at 9 a.m. and worship is at 10:15 a.m. When you walk in the door, you will see people of all ages and walks of life, some dressed formally and others casually in jeans and sneakers. Come as you are.

Our greeters wear nametags, so they are easy to find and they will be happy to help you if you need any assistance or have a question. We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, and as a congregation in the United Methodist Church, we welcome all (baptized or un-baptized) to partake of the holy sacrament. We invite you to experience life at Evangelical UMC. Whether you are looking for a community, are lonely, searching for the meaning of life, or want to know more about Jesus, our doors are open for you. Check our website to learn more about us: www.eumch.org. This week’s worship assistants are as follows: Pastor – Lee Ellenberger; Liturgist – John Burkholder; Organist – Don Cowsert; Guest Choir Director – Sarah Snyder; Children’s Time – Jamal Warren;

Audio Visual – Steve Moyer, Jamal Warren and Justin Hahn; Head Usher – John Burkholder; Greeters – Kara Miller and Jaden Miller; Nursery Caregivers – Deb Lidle and Joyce Moyer. This week’s schedule of activities is as follows: Wed., May 15: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Group Book Study. Thurs., May 16: 10 a.m., Interfaith Council at Seven Sorrows R.C. Church. Sun., May 19: 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship Service. Mon., May 20: 4:30 p.m., Community dinner. Tues., May 21: 8:30 a.m., Mission Central; 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God’s Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by New Thing UM Community; 7 p.m., Trustee Meeting in Room 1.

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church



St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown. We are a Reconciling in Christ Church. Visit our website at www.stpetersmiddletown.org. Please join us for worship. Luther Hall Sunday, Adult Sunday church school at 9 a.m. Our worship times are: Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Sunday Church school for all ages begins at 9 a.m.; Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel; Saturday evening at 5 p.m., Good Shepherd Chapel. For Wednesday and Saturday services please enter the church through the parking lot doors. Our Sunday worship service is broadcast on WMSS 91.1FM at 11 a.m.

Harrisburg Gay Men’s Concert, Fri., May 17 at 7 p.m. See flyer on bulletin board for more information. Contains mature language and context. Recommended for ages 13 and older. Save The Date: Kierch Sunday is Sun., May 26 at 10 a.m. Free Little Library: St. Peter’s has a Free Little Library located at the entrance door by the parking lot. This Free Little Library belongs to everyone. Anyone may use it. The books are always free. It is not necessary to give a book to take a book. Come take a look, read a book! Interfaith Area Council Month of Caring – May: Please donate to your church, synagogue, or directly to the Middletown Food Pantry to help those in this community in our need. See needs below in Food Pantry News or monetary donations can be mailed to Middletown Interfaith Council, P.O. Box 207, Middletown, PA 17057.

Food Pantry News: Especially needed are personal care/toiletry items: toilet tissue, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, conditioners, cotton swabs, tissues, soap, paper towels, etc. Items collected are taken to the Middletown Area Interfaith Food Pantry located at 201 Wyoming Street, Royalton. Individuals may also take items directly to the food pantry, which is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 pm. The Community Action Commission office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the same location. Food Pantry Sunday is June 2 (the first Sunday of each month). Check us out on Facebook - St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Middletown, PA. Go ahead “like” our Facebook page. Remember, if you “Like” and “Follow” us on Facebook when there are new “posts” you will be notified. Thanks.

POLICE AND COURTS ROUNDUP

Police: Area woman made up story about domestic incident

State Police charged a Londonderry Township woman after she told police she had made up a story about a man raping and strangling her. Police on May 10 filed a misdemeanor charge of false reports-reported offense did not occur, against Jennifer Marie Russell, 33, of the first block of Crestview Village. The charge involved an alleged incident Russell had previously told police had occurred in June 2018 at another residence in Londonderry Township, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy. Russell is awaiting setting of a preliminary hearing.

Woman charged for disturbance
Middletown police charged a

Harrisburg woman following a disturbance at an apartment building in the first block of Ann Street on May 6. Valerie Mesaros, 21, of the 1100 block of Loop Drive, had been banned from the building, authorities said. She ignored warnings that by going inside she was trespassing, police said in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy. Police took Mesaros into custody after using a Taser to bring her under control. She was arraigned May 6 before District Judge Dominic Pelino and charged with defiant trespass, disorderly conduct, harassment, and resisting arrest. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 20.

BASEBALL: Bubblers burst

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straight walks loaded the bases with Middletown runners. Another free pass, this one issued by new pitcher Michael Sheppard-Gordon, forced in Jaxson Senior for another run. With the bases still full, pinch-hitter Tony Powell punched out a two-run single to give the Raiders a 9-3 lead. Ash followed with an RBI single, and a wild pitch with Williams in the box let in another run before Williams’ single drove in run No. 12. Keyser sat down the Spartans in order in the bottom of the sixth, and the Raiders plated another run in the top of the seventh on another wild pitch after Tuffy’s single loaded the bases. A.J. Stains struck out the side in the bottom of the seventh to lock up the 13-3 victory.

Middletown 11, Boiling Springs 0

In a non-divisional game that had been postponed twice the Blue Raiders’ road trip to Boiling Springs turned out to be successful as the Middletown squad shut out the host Bubblers 11-0 on Saturday. The game started at 11 a.m., which appeared to agree with the Blue Raiders. Ash came within two outs of pitching a no-hitter, and he and his defense held the Bubblers in check from start to finish. As it turned out a bloop single to left was all the hosts could muster against Ash, who struck out eight batters and issued just one walk in the six-inning contest. The Raiders punched out 11 hits against three Boiling Springs pitchers. The Raiders scored one run in the first inning, one in the third, two more in the fourth, one in the fifth and six in the sixth to secure the victory. After Ash led off the game with a triple to deep center, Williams followed with an RBI single for the first run. In the third, Peters singled with two outs and came home on a run-scoring single by Wagner for the 2-0 lead. In the top of the fourth, Yohn led off with a double. (His teammates said it should have been a triple but joked that he runs like



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DIANA KEYSER

Middletown’s Avery Williams bats Saturday vs. Boiling Springs.

a diesel instead of a race car.) No matter, Yohn scored after Keyser was hit by a pitch and Ash walked to load the bases for Williams, who picked up the RBI on a sacrifice fly. Miller followed with a single to right to push home run No. 4. In the fifth frame, a bases loaded walk to Ash pushed in Cole Senior, who had doubled with two outs, for Middletown’s fifth run. In the top of the sixth, a pair of walks and a single by Jaxson Senior again loaded the bases with Raiders. With one out, Cole Senior drew a walk, forcing in one run, and Yohn’s second double of the game drove in two more. Before it was over the Raiders would score three more times on another bases-loaded walk, a fielder’s choice and a single by Miller. Down 11-0 at that point, the Bubblers tried to rally to keep the game going. But, after getting the leadoff hitter on a strikeout and giving up the bloop single, Ash struck out Kyle Swartz for the second out. With two down, a very good defensive play by Miller at shortstop and Peters at first finished off the host team in grand style.

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Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church
10 Spruce Street, Middletown • 717-944-5835
Sunday School - 9 am • Morning Worship 10:15 am
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Ebenezer United Methodist Church
"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples"
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(Corner of 441 & Ebenezer Road)
Phone 717-939-0766
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Traditional - 8:45 am • Contemporary - 10:45 am
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Evangelical United Methodist Church
Spruce & Water Sts., Middletown
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Sunday Worship - 10:15 am



Geyers United Methodist Church
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New Beginnings Church
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Sunday Masses - 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Confessions: Saturday - 7:30-7:50 am, 4:30-5:15 pm



Wesley United Methodist Church
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**SEAN
MCALEER**

State should grow program that helps in school choice

It's been nearly two decades since Pennsylvania created a program that has improved the lives of literally hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvania children. Known as the Education Improvement Tax Credit, it awards funding to children in need so that they may attend the schools of their choice.

Scholarships are provided by our job creators in exchange for a tax credit from the commonwealth and are available in three categories: pre-K; K-12; and educational improvement (through afterschool and educational activities in public schools). Scholarships in these categories are awarded to children so that he or she can choose what school to attend. Needless to say, these scholarships have opened new doors to so many needy children.

Government is so often criticized for not doing enough to help children, but here is a clear example of Pennsylvania opening new doors to help its most needy children. The EITC program provides more than 70,000 students with scholarships every year to attend schools of their choice in nearly all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties and 500 school districts.

With such a track record since the program was introduced in 2001, it's time to expand and help even more students reach their education and professional dreams. Right now, there are more than 63,000 students on a waiting list to receive an annual scholarship and the interest is there from the business community to help each and every one of them.

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, which oversees the program, has more than \$135 million in eligible business applications that were denied tax credits this year and were placed on a waiting list.

House Bill 800, sponsored by Pennsylvania Speaker of the House Mike Turzai, would go a long way in helping to solve this problem by providing an additional \$100 million annually. It would include an escalator clause providing an additional 10 percent increase each year when at least 90 percent of the tax credits were claimed in the prior year. An escalator is important because while Pennsylvania was a trailblazer in the EITC program, states such as Florida incorporated such a clause and now serve twice as many students.

There remains plenty of room for growth of the EITC in Pennsylvania. Despite spending \$8 billion annually to fund basic education in public schools, EITC represents less than 0.03 percent. This is essentially a rounding error in the commonwealth's overall \$30 billion-plus spending budget in 2018-19.

It's important to note all schools that accept EITC scholarship students hold all necessary accreditation requirements by the state Department of Public Education. The schools that scholarship recipients attend provide parents with academic progress reports and college placement statistics, and students take standardized tests that help parents gauge their child's success relative to peers statewide and nationally.

The success is evident. For example, private schools that accept EITC have a 95 percent graduation rate, and more than 92 percent of their graduates attend a two- or four-year college.

Taxpayers should support EITC programs because it also saves money. Nationally, they saved taxpayers as much as \$3.4 billion through the 2013-14 school year, according to a study by Martin F. Lueken, director of fiscal policy and analysis at EdChoice. It stands to reason those figures have grown significantly since then.

It's clear that EITC is doing wonderful things for children all across Pennsylvania. House Bill 800 deserves support and passage from the General Assembly and the Wolf administration.

Sean P. McAleer is the director of education for The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference.

EDITORIALVIEWS

A sobering but predictable result for TMI's long saga

We have written several editorials since Exelon announced in May 2017 that it planned to prematurely close its nuclear power plant on Three Mile Island.

If you have read all of them, you know we are not surprised that the shutdown now seems imminent. Exelon announced May 8 that the plant will close, which seems to be the final straw. The Pennsylvania Legislature, despite bills being introduced in both the House and Senate, did not take action.

Exelon and other nuclear operators in Pennsylvania want nuclear energy added to the state's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards, to be on level footing with solar and wind.

Nuclear probably should be added, in all fairness. As TMI spokesman Dave Marcheskie says, the nuclear power industry generates 93 percent of carbon-free electricity in Pennsylvania.

But TMI's problem, as we have stated before, is unique. The specter of the partial meltdown that is now 40 years in the past continues to slap TMI in the face, because there is only one active reactor on the island.

Almost two years ago, in our editorial of June 7, 2017, we said: "You do the math: Peach Bottom has 860 employees with a payroll of \$84.2 million, and it generates 2,700 megawatts of power. Three Mile Island has about 675 employees with an annual payroll of about \$60 million and generates about 850 megawatts of power. There aren't enough bills in the pens of the entire Legislature to close that gap."

There still aren't. The legislative efforts had little chance of passing.

As Eric Epstein of the watchdog group TMI Alert told us, "Anyone who drops legislation in March and expects it to be passed by May should book a ticket on Fantasy Airlines. It just doesn't work that way."

Exelon has played the game well. It made the issue about legislation, not about the industry or the challenges facing TMI. It put the onus on the Legislature, and

Such a repurposing will be difficult on the island, we realize. But one possibility we haven't heard discussed is making it a tourist attraction. Sound weird? ... Tourists travel to battlefields such as Gettysburg on vacation. Would it be so hard to believe that TMI couldn't be a destination?

the Legislature didn't even move a bill out of committee.

Now, however, the Legislature seems determined to pass something, to protect the other nuclear plants in the state. State Rep. Tom Mehaffie, R-Lower Swatara Township, said soon after Exelon's May 8 announcement: "I hope the conversation continues in the Legislature about the future of Pennsylvania's nuclear industry. We still have eight reactors in this state supplying a large piece of our state's electricity production. Time may have run out for Three Mile Island, but the fight is not over for the rest of our nuclear fleet."

Opponents of any "bailout" for nuclear will tell you that Exelon and the other companies that own nuclear plants in the state don't need help, that TMI was the only plant not making a profit.

We have said from the start that it was our belief that Exelon was willing to sacrifice TMI by closing it in order to protect its other interests in Pennsylvania. Passing legislation put forth by Mehaffie, even if it's too late to save TMI, would do just that.

"Pennsylvania lawmakers should continue to reject this attempt at a corporate cash grab being led by three out-of-state corporations projected to make more than \$1 billion in profits in Pennsylvania in 2018 and 2019," Citizens Against Nuclear Bailouts said in a statement after the closure announcement, referring to Exelon, FirstEnergy Solutions and Talen Energy.

From a local standpoint, we are curious to see the impacts. They

probably won't be sudden.

We are glad that Londonderry Township has been taking steps to insulate itself from the potential loss of more than \$110,000 in annual revenue from Three Mile Island. The Lower Dauphin School District also likely will have some tough choices ahead.

But one specific area won't be devastated by a huge amount of its residents losing their jobs. Figures provided by TMI in 2017 show that 78 of the approximately 675 TMI employees live in the 17057 ZIP code that encompasses Middletown, Royalton, Londonderry Township and Lower Swatara Township. More live in Lancaster County (202) than Dauphin (193). York County has 76, Cumberland County has 50, and Lebanon County, 43.

We were heartened to hear that Harrisburg Regional Chamber President David Black thinks Middletown is in a good spot to weather whatever storm might come from the closure.

The area lost thousands of jobs in the 1960s when Olmsted Air Force Base closed, but now the base is home to Penn State Harrisburg and Harrisburg International Airport, both key drivers of the area economy.

Such a repurposing will be difficult on the island, we realize. But one possibility we haven't heard discussed is making it a tourist attraction. Sound weird? If the island is proven to be safe for visitors, and both TMI officials and federal authorities say it is except for where the accident happened, we bet there are plenty of people who would want to go inside. Tourists travel to battlefields such as Gettysburg on vacation. Would it be so hard to believe that TMI couldn't be a destination as well?

That's a discussion for another time. For now, we salute everything that has been done by the hard-working employees of the plant over the decades since it first opened. Three Mile Island is part of American history, and it always will be because of what happened there 40 years ago.



**MIKE
FOLMER**

Deadliest drug? It's not cannabis

During my battle to bring medical cannabis to Pennsylvania, I was accused of promoting drug use. Even though I offered statistics, studies and other information to refute these claims, the opposition continued.

At the same time the General Assembly was deliberating medical cannabis, it was also considering bills to expand access to liquor — most notably, beer sales in grocery stores. I continue to find the irony perplexing.

Cannabis is listed by the federal government as a Schedule I drug, which, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, is a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use, and lacks accepted safety even under medical supervision.

No prescriptions can be written for Schedule I substances, and they are not readily available for clinical use. Meanwhile, alcohol is legal, widely available and popular.

The National Institutes of Health, says alcohol can lead to:

- **Injuries:** Alcohol is a factor in about 60 percent of fatal burns, drownings and homicides; 50 percent of severe trauma injuries and sexual assaults; and 40 percent of fatal motor vehicle crashes, suicides and fatal falls.

- **Health problems:** Heavy drinkers have a greater risk of liver and heart disease, sleep disorders, depression, stroke, stomach bleeding, sexually transmitted infections and several types of cancer; they may also have problems with diabetes, high blood pressure and other conditions.

- **Birth defects:** Drinking during pregnancy can cause brain damage and other serious problems for unborn babies.

- **Alcohol use disorders:** About 17 million Americans have such conditions.

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says: "Drinking too much can harm your health. Excessive alcohol use led to approximately 88,000 deaths and 2.5 million years of potential life lost each year in the United States from 2006-2010, shortening the lives of those who died by an average of 30 years. Excessive drinking was responsible for one in 10 deaths among working-age adults aged 20-64 years. The economic costs of excessive alcohol consumption in 2010 were estimated at \$249 billion, or \$2.05 a drink."

Excessive drinking includes binge drinking, heavy drinking, and any drinking by pregnant women or those younger than age 21.

Binge drinking is the most common form of excessive drinking and is defined as consuming four or more drinks during a single occasion for women and five or more for men.

Heavy drinking is defined as consuming eight or more drinks per week for women and 15 or more for men.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans defines moderate drinking as up to one drink per day for women and up to two drinks per day for men.

A standard drink contains 0.6 ounces of pure alcohol. Generally, this amount is found in 12 ounces of beer (5 percent alcohol content), 8 ounces of malt liquor (7 percent alcohol content), 5 ounces of wine (12 percent alcohol content), and 1.5 ounces of 80-proof (40 percent alcohol content) distilled spirits or liquor.

These are among the reasons for the 1920 passage of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which ushered in Prohibition. However, 13 years later, the 20th Amendment was passed, ending "The Great Experiment."

Cannabis sits with heroin, LSD, cocaine and "Ecstasy" as a Schedule I drug. Meanwhile, morphine, opium, and codeine are listed under Schedule II.

Hopefully, with continued clinical trials and studies of cannabis' effects on chronic pain, addiction, neurological disorders, seizure disorders, cancer, and other medical conditions, medical science will prevail and medical cannabis will be reclassified. This is a goal of the so-called "Chapter 20" research provisions of my medical cannabis bill, now a three-year-old law.

Mike Folmer is a Republican member of the Pennsylvania Senate whose 48th District includes Middletown. His Capitol office telephone number is 717-787-5708.

Steel quotas would crush American energy



**ROBERT
BRADLEY**

President Donald Trump's landmark trade deal is in trouble. It's increasingly uncertain whether Congress, as well as the Canadian and Mexican legislatures, will ratify the all-important United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

USMCA talks have been going on since July 2017. What was supposed to be seven rounds of trade-deal talks has turned into many more. In the past two months, White House officials have met with close to 300 lawmakers.

Now, all three countries are hung up on one key issue. They want the Trump administration to eliminate its tariffs on imported Mexican and Canadian steel before a vote on the deal.

These tariffs have been painful for American businesses, especially oil and natural gas firms that Trump has otherwise supported with free-market policy. Keeping these tariffs in place — or worse, switching to an import quota system — would imperil energy companies. Consumers would face higher utility bills. And many workers could lose their jobs.

In short, it's time to scrap the tariffs. Trump imposed the 25 percent tariff on steel in June of last year. These

import duties created a massive tax on every American company that uses steel, from auto manufacturers to shipbuilders.

The tariffs also dealt a blow to Canada, which is America's largest foreign supplier of steel. So it's no surprise that Canadian officials have threatened to delay their approval of the USMCA if the tariffs stay in place. Mexico has made similar demands.

Furthermore, Canada and Mexico also imposed retaliatory tariffs on U.S. agricultural exports.

To appease these lawmakers while keeping the White House's protectionist officials happy, Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue has tried to broker a compromise. He's urging the president to replace the existing tariffs with steel quotas.

His suggestion worsens the problem. Steel quotas effectively put a cap on affordable energy infrastructure.

The oil and natural gas industry has boomed over the last decade thanks to advancements in hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking." Since 2011, the United States has been the world's leading developer of oil and natural gas — exceeding both Russia and Saudi Arabia. The industry supports more than 10 million American jobs and contributes \$1.3 trillion to the nation's economy.

But new production needs new pipeline capacity to sustain this boom. Roughly 77 percent of the steel used to make pipelines is imported, according

to one recent analysis. For the most part, these imports consist of specialty pipes that only a few, if any, American manufacturers are equipped to produce.

Tariffs have made pipeline construction significantly more expensive. The levies have added approximately \$76 million to the cost of building a typical pipeline and \$300 million to the cost of a project the size of the Keystone XL expansion.

Last year alone, energy firms in Texas' Permian Basin announced 15 new pipeline projects which, together, would boost carrying capacity by 7.7 million barrels. If quotas are enacted, these projects could be put on hold for years.

Ironically, a quota system wouldn't even appease our neighbors. As Mexico's Deputy Economy Minister Luz Maria de la Mora recently told reporters, "Quotas make no sense, they're a way of managing trade. ... What industry in North America needs is the elimination of this tariff and not managed trade."

Steel tariffs have weakened our economy and endangered the president's signature trade deal. It's time to lift those tariffs — and not replace them with a misguided quota system that would only make things worse.

Robert L. Bradley Jr. is the founder and CEO of the Institute for Energy Research.

Beauty & Wellness

Vacation good for mind and body

Vacations can be great ways to see the world, soak up some culture and get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. But traveling can have benefits that last longer than a one- or two-week vacation.

Traveling can have a positive effect on personal health and well-being, as various studies point to how travel can boost one's state of mind and overall mood. The following are five ways that traveling can positively affect travelers' mood and health.

1. Increases happiness: People are happiest when they have a trip coming up, according to researchers at the University of Surrey in the United Kingdom. A 2014 study from researchers at Cornell University confirms the findings, noting people get more happiness from anticipating a travel experience than from an object they can acquire.
2. Enhances creativity: The brain is influenced by new environments and experiences, which is the hallmark of travel. Researchers at the Columbia Business School found that travel can encourage people to embrace

different ways of living and influence their outlook on life.

3. Stress relief: Travel is a great way to get away from obligations at home and at work, allowing the mind to reset without having to make decisions beyond figuring out which activities to do during the day or which foods to grab along the way. The mental wellness site Psych Central adds that vacations take people away from the places and activities that contribute to their stress levels.
4. Fosters change: Remembering pleasurable experiences from vacations when one returns home can be a positive behavioral intervention. Dr. Tamara McClintock Greenberg, a San Francisco-based clinical psychologist, says you can incorporate those feelings into daily life by recreating food or experiences at home.
5. Encourages exercise: Vacations can be full of swimming, walking, sightseeing, or participating in other fitness pursuits. According to the World Heart Federation, moderate exercise lowers risk of heart attack by 30 to 50 percent, suggesting that traveling is good for the mind and the body. Exercise also has been shown to combat depression and help reduce stress and anxiety.

Traveling can improve one's mental health and overall well-being. Making time to take vacations is an important component of staying healthy.

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Plan to cut four streets from borough's snow emergency route list moves ahead

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Middletown Borough Council on May 8 approved for advertisement a proposed ordinance that would eliminate Catherine, Water, Wilson and Wood streets from the list of snow emergency routes.

Council must take another vote at an upcoming meeting before the changes go into effect.

Snow emergency routes are streets where residents must move their vehicles during a snow emergency declared by the mayor, so borough crews can plow snow.

The routes are considered the most important to plow first to ensure emergency responders including police, fire and medical services can get to all areas of the borough as quickly as possible.

In removing the four streets from the list of snow routes, borough officials noted that in some cases fire and police stations that used to be on or near these streets have since closed or relocated.

The borough also noted the cost of placing signs on these streets to enforce the snow emergency route restriction, and how many such signs are required.

Signs on the streets being removed from the list will be moved to streets still designated as snow emergency routes, to save money.

The ordinance being advertised also lists those streets that are to remain snow emergency routes, including all or portions of Adelia, Ann, Emaus, Grant, Main, Roosevelt, Union and Vine streets.

New part-time officer sworn in



Middletown Mayor James H. Curry III swears in the borough's newest part-time police officer, John Marsh, as interim Police Chief Dennis Morris observes at borough council's May 8 meeting. Marsh, 25, grew up in Swatara Township and lives in Mechanicsburg. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Shippensburg University. He has been a police officer for about a year with the Pennsylvania Capitol police force, which he will be leaving to join Middletown. The base salary of a part-time officer is \$20.69 an hour. Council in April gave Morris authority to hire up to five new part-time officers, including Marsh. Council is also looking to hire two new full-time officers. One will replace former Patrol Officer James Bennett. The other is a new position funded in the 2019 budget. The department has 11 full-time officers, according to the roster on the borough website, and seven part-time officers.

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Marsh

PSU student government president defends students

By Laura Hayes
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After two Lower Swatara Township residents voiced concerns about Penn State Harrisburg students living in the township, student government President Riley Cagle urged commissioners to "not even consider" an ordinance that would limit student housing.

"Because all you're doing is putting us in an impossible situation where students can't find housing, where students have to decide between eating and paying the rent. We're humans, too," Cagle said at the commissioners' May 1 meeting.

The commissioners thanked Cagle after he spoke, but did not comment on what he said.

Residents expressed concerns at recent meetings, specifically about parking on Lakeside Drive and whether the township had an ordinance similar to Middletown that regulated how many unrelated individuals could live in a single-family dwelling. A Woodridge development resident said the developer was advertising to college students after reportedly telling the president of the homeowners' association otherwise.

Cagle said he understood complaints from the resident and concerns about parking.

"I don't believe it's right to punish the students for what the renting agency did or what the development agency did," he said.

Students bring a lot to the area, including spending money at businesses and community service, and while the township may lose out on tax revenue because the university is tax exempt, Cagle argued that the local economy benefited from student spending.

Cagle said Middletown's ordinance that forbids more than two unrelated people from living in a single-family dwelling is "limiting students from achieving affordable housing" and "creating a huge issue for growth at Penn State Harrisburg." He said he is working with the borough and that he hopes officials are open to changing the ordinance.

"I don't want to see the same ordinance be implemented here, and as students have a two-front war of basically being persecuted. It feels like it's being a bad thing to be a student now," Cagle said.

Cagle said he represented a "very, very large" constituency in the township. Housing insecurity is a problem for students and, according to Cagle, the average freshman student pays about \$1,500 a month for on-campus housing.

"That's larger than some of your mortgages," he said.

Food insecurity is also an issue, which he said is in part because of the high cost of living on campus. Students look to live off campus because it's "much, much cheaper," and one Middletown landlord told Cagle that they were charging \$825 a month including utilities, which could be split among three people.

After parking concerns were raised at the April 17 meeting, Police Chief Jeff Vargo said he encountered a similar parking issue when he worked for the Susquehanna Township police. Residents were issued permits and it became a "non-issue."

Parking permits aren't ideal, Cagle said.

"We're Americans. We have a right to live free, and we have a right to live together if we like. I believe that that right should be protected by this council. I don't believe that right has been protected by Middletown," he said.

Area gas prices take slight drop

Harrisburg gas prices fell 3 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$2.92 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 241 stations.

Gas prices in Harrisburg are 1.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and 1.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Harrisburg is priced at \$2.82 while the most expensive is \$3.02.

Average gas prices in Harrisburg were \$2.93 in 2018, \$2.47 in 2017, \$2.35 in 2016, \$2.73 in 2015, and \$3.76 in 2014.

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